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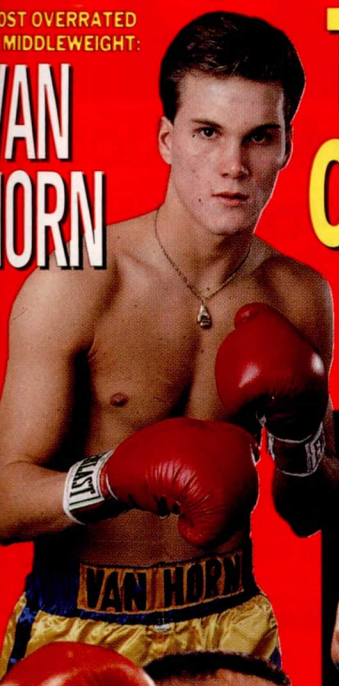

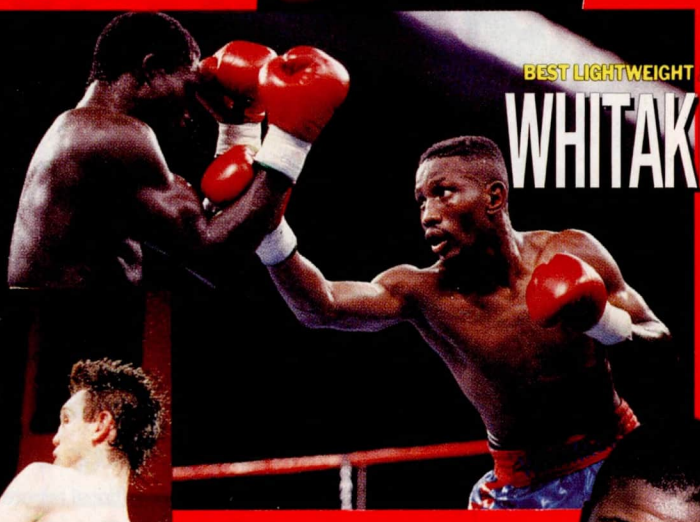

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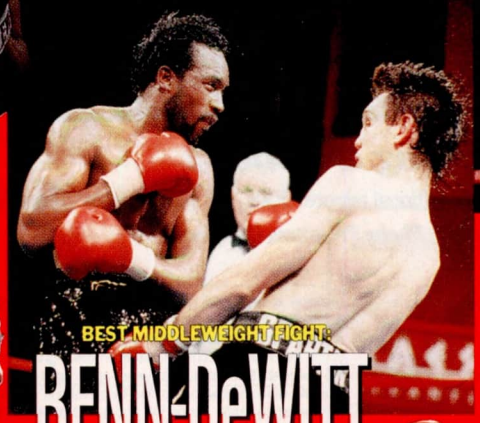

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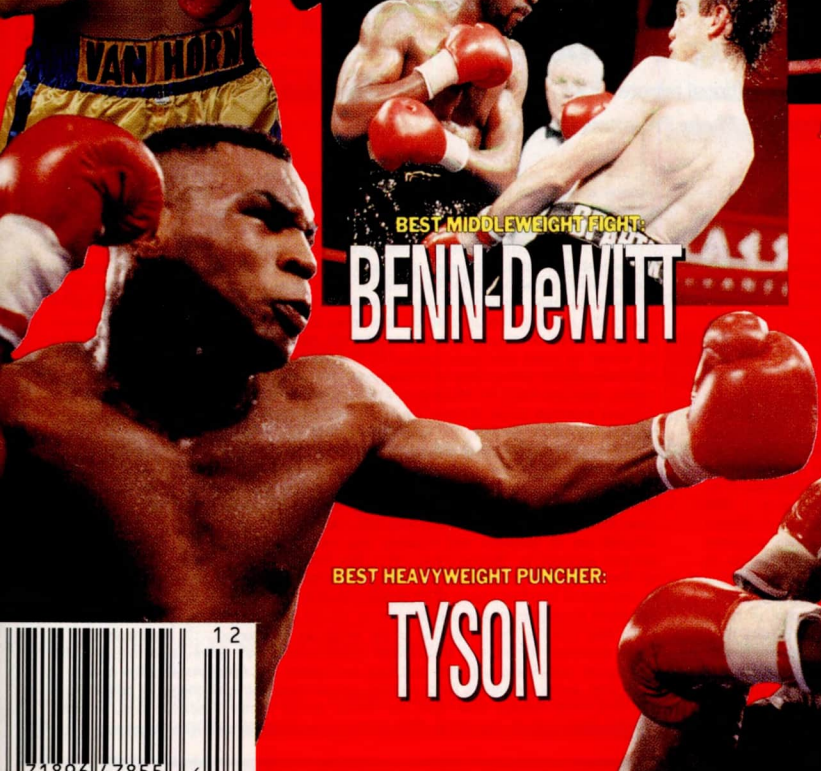

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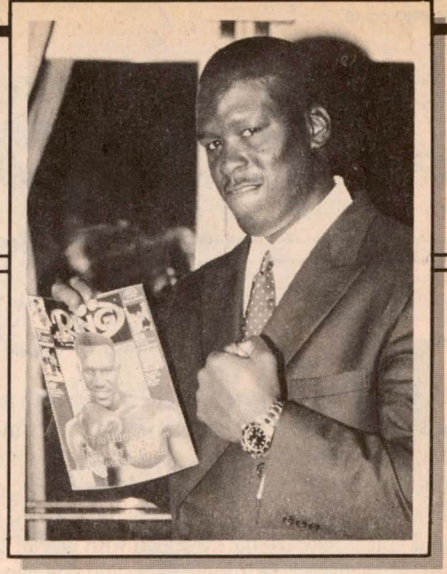

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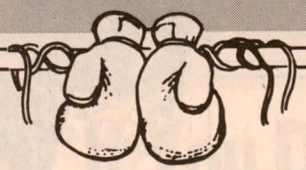
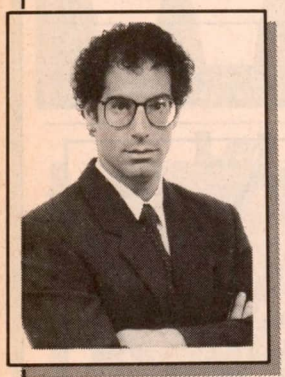


Hard work? There are two ways to make a million dollars. One is to have a gimmick. The guys who invented the pet rock and the leash-without-a-dog were giggling from the time they applied for their patents until they made their first bank deposits. The other is to secure celebrity status by creating a scandal or breaking the law. Do the former, like Marla Maples, and you're sure to share a couch with Oprah or grace the cover of *People*. Do the latter, like G. Gordon Liddy, and you can write your memoirs or lecture on the college circuit.

Either way, big bucks.



The rule at least partly applies in boxing, where the stars are named Camacho and Paez and Foreman and Tyson. Heavyweight champion Buster Douglas has no gimmick and supplies the tabloids with precious-few storylines. As a result, he can't get himself arrested, though I think he once got a parking ticket. Evander Holyfield fits the same description. They've been called dull. But at least they're dull millionaires.

The savings accounts of Douglas and Holyfield would seem to contradict my point about getting rich. But not really. In October, Douglas will be paid a record purse solely because he knocked out Mike Tyson. Should he survive Holyfield, a rematch with Tyson will be the biggest money fight in history. Had Douglas KO 10 Tyson never happened in Tokyo, Buster would be on ESPN, fighting Kimmuel Odum for $10,000 and two hotel rooms at the Hacienda.

Holyfield started making seven-figure purses soon after he jumped to the heavyweight division—and aimed for a showdown with Tyson. Should he dethrone Douglas, that showdown may yet materialize. What's really amazing is that at this point, the Douglas-Holyfield winner doesn't even need Tyson to grab another $10- or $20-million. That's because Foreman, whose gimmick is middle-aged paunch, is gaining supporters faster than a grass roots politician on a whistle-stop tour.

While Douglas and Holyfield are accomplished and respected fighters, their matchup is garnering less interest and attention than I had anticipated. Sure, it's a pay-per-view fight, but in a recent TV call-in poll, fans ignored it when rating the most attractive heavyweight matchups. The overwhelming first choice, of course, was Tyson-Foreman. There was an unsubstantiated rumor that only a slew of last-minute calls from Columbus, Ohio, allowed Douglas-Holyfield to edge out Renaldo Snipes-Nino Ribalta for fourth.

Damn the fans. I think Douglas-Holyfield will be both intriguing and entertaining. Managing Editor Jeff Ryan, whose fight preview begins on page 22, picks 2-1 underdog Douglas. I pick Holyfield. That's the type of fight it is; no one can be sure who's going to win. What we have is a battle for the undisputed heavyweight title in which anything can happen. Seems to me that all the fans who are waiting for Tyson and/or Foreman are going to miss a damn good fight. Which, all gimmicks and scandals aside, is presumably what we're all after, anyway.

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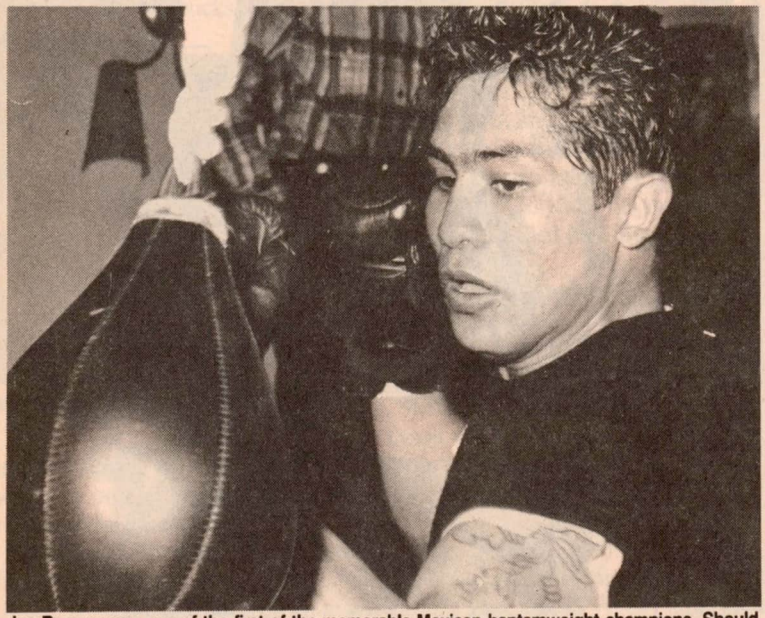

Joe Becerra was one of the first of the memorable Mexican bantamweight champions. Should he be rated as one of the greatest Mexicans ever?

THE BEST MEXICAN

I realize "Best Of" lists are bound to cause some controversy, and I can usually roll with the opinions of others. But in Steve Farhood's article in the August '90 issue ("His Greatness Confirmed . . . Chavez: Is He The Greatest Mexican Fighter Ever?"), he seems to have gotten caught up in the excitement following Chavez' dramatic kayo of Meldrick Taylor.

The article says that it's important to separate a boxer's ability from his popularity. Ruben Olivares and Salvador Sanchez were listed as the most beloved of the great Mexican fighters. But for my money, Sanchez was also the greatest technical boxer. His counterpunching and hand speed were similar to Muhammad Ali's, and when the going got tough against Azumah Nelson, Sanchez proved he had the heart of a champion.

At the age of 23, Sanchez had met and beaten the best of what at that time was a very strong division. I'm not knocking Chavez; he is a great champion and deserves recognition as such. But Sanchez has to be considered the greatest Mexican of all time.

NORMAN OLSON
Columbia Falls, MT

Steve Farhood made a major omission in his article on the greatest Mexican fighters: He didn't even mention Joe Becerra, a great bantamweight champion who has to rate in that division's all-time top 10. Also, I have film of Baby Arizmendi vs. Henry Armstrong, and Arizmendi might have been the greatest Mexican of them all. He fought everyone at featherweight, some top lightweights, and even some welterweights.

JIM JOHNSTON
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BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

My favorite part of the new *Ring* is the "Battle Of The Legends." As much as I enjoy the feature, I think it can be improved. Instead of just using modern boxers, how about including some old-timers, like Terry McGovern, Tommy Ryan, and James J. Corbett. You could also include greats like Sam Langford, Charley Burley, Harry Wills, and Laszlo Papp, fighters who never received world title shots.

Two other ideas: First, matching co-champions who never unified the title, like Lupe Pintor and Jeff Chandler, Kid Chocolate and Freddie Miller, and Salvador Sanchez and Eusebio Pedroza. Second, matching particular styles, like big bombers Bob Fitzsimmons and Stanley Ketchel, clever boxers Tommy Loughran and Billy Conn, even dirty brawlers Fritzie Zivic and Mysterious Billy Smith.

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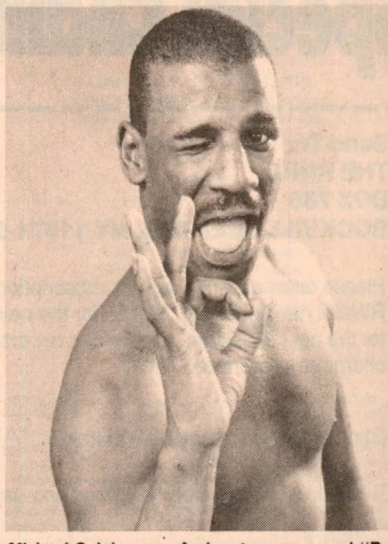
Here are some recommendations for future "Battle Of The Legends" matchups: Wilfred Benitez-Aaron Pry-



Michael Spinks says A-okay to a proposed "Battle Of The Legends" matchup vs. Gene Tunney.

or, junior welterweights; Roberto Duran-Henry Armstrong, welterweights; Larry Holmes-Jack Johnson, heavyweights; Marvin Hagler-Marcel Cerdan; middleweights; Thomas Hearns-Harry Greb, middleweights; Jake LaMotta-Mickey Walker, middleweights; Carlos Zarate-Eder Jofre, bantamweights; Joe Gans-Benny Leonard, lightweights; Michael Spinks-Gene Tunney, light heavyweights.

PIERRE PONDEXTER
Chicago, IL

LEONARD-BASHING

I've had it with all the Sugar Ray Leonard-bashing I continue to read. Here is a man who has done it all, winning an Olympic gold medal and five world championships, and earning more than $100-million along the way.

As Ralph Wiley pointed out in his book, *Serenity,* Leonard beat Wilfred Benitez, Roberto Duran, Ayub Kalule, and Thomas Hearns, who had a combined record of 177-1-1 at the time of their fights with Sugar Ray. People who say that Ray ducks opponents should think about that.

As for Leonard's "controversial" win over Marvin Hagler, no one said Ray had to knock Hagler out in order to win. There's no way Hagler won that fight. And people who claim that Leonard gets all the close decisions should look at the record books. Leonard had three close fights, with Duran, Hearns, and Hagler. In those fights, he came away with a win (Hagler), a loss (Duran), and a draw (Hearns). Hardly sounds like special treatment to me.

SHAWN BARBER
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OVERRATING BUSTER

In *The Ring's* ratings, you seem to think that Buster Douglas should be number one at heavyweight just because he is the champion. The fact is that Douglas has lost four times. Mike Tyson would've pounded the heck out of Douglas had he been prepared.

There are several other boxers in your top 10 who have better records than Douglas, like Evander Holyfield, Francesco Damiani, and Alex Stewart. The fighter who should be in your top spot is Holyfield. The explanation on your ratings page says it all: "Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class."

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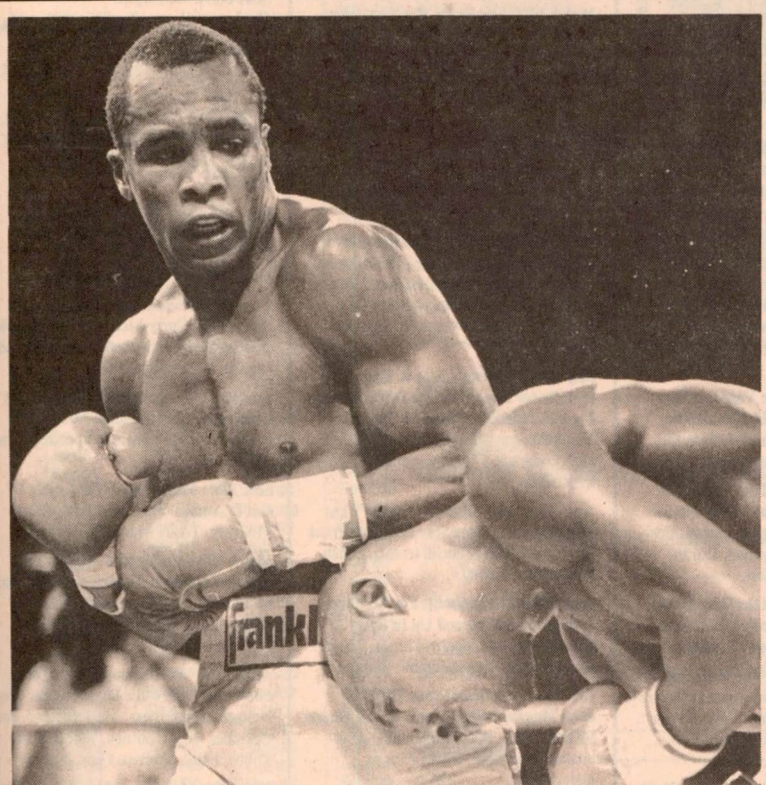
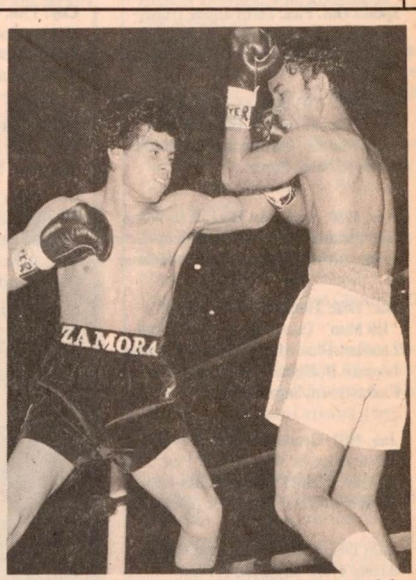


More than three years after the fight, readers are still debating the judges' votes from the Sugar Ray Leonard-Marvin Hagler middleweight title fight. Leonard won by split decision in April 1987.

THE FORGOTTEN BANTAM

Whenever I read in *The Ring* or elsewhere about the bantamweight division, the same fighters are always given the adjective "great." It starts with Ruben Olivares and continues through Carlos Zarate, Lupe Pintor, Jeff Chandler, and even Happy Lora and current champion Raul Perez. One fighter is always forgotten: Alfonso Zamora.



Alfonso Zamora retains the WBC bantamweight title with a kayo of Thanomjit Sukothai in 1975.

It is because he was kayoed by Zarate that Zamora doesn't receive the credit he deserves. Consider that to win the 118-pound crown, Zamora had to beat a wonderfully tough Korean, two-division champion Soo Hwan Hong. Consider that Zamora successfully defended the title five times, and that one of those defenses was a second-round kayo of Eusebio Pedroza, who became a dominant featherweight champion only two years later. Consider that in his fight with Zarate, Zamora staggered his stablemate and almost scored a knockdown. And consider that even after losing his title to Jorge Lujan, Zamora still had enough left to derail the overhyped "Superfly" Sandoval.

Zamora's left hook was marvelous. Quite simply, he was the best puncher in bantamweight history. He scored 32 kayos in 33 wins, and only five of those kayos came after the fifth round. Unfortunately, his prime coincided with Zarate's. But that shouldn't cost him so dearly when the experts rate the bantamweights.

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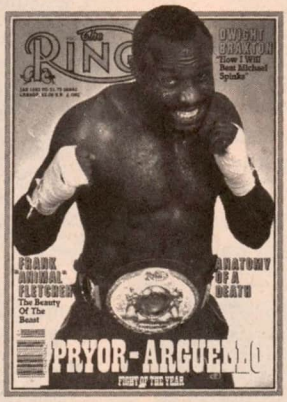

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Jan. 1983: Dwight Braxton: "How I Will Beat Spinks." Plus: Pryor-Arguello—Fight of the Year, Frank Fletcher, Rocky Marciano, Curry-Starling I, Hagler-Obel II.

Feb. 1983: Michael Dokes: Tainted Champion? Plus: Howard Cosell, Chacon-Limon, Mickey Walker, Ray Mancini.

March 1983: (104-Page Year-End Special)—Larry Holmes: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Donald Curry, Milton McCrory, history of featherweights.

April 1983: Randall "Tex" Cobb: Not Just Another Pretty Face. Plus: Hector Camacho, Hall of Fame (Monzon, Foster, Burley), Stanley Ketchel, Duran-Cuevas, Wilford Scypion.

May 1983: Michael Spinks Wins It All. Plus: Spinks-Braxton color, Bob Arum, Marvin Hagler, Collins-LaPaglia.

June 1983: What Now For Ray Mancini? Plus: Lupe Pintor, Tony Ayala, Mancini-Arguello color, Holmes-Teofilo Stevenson?, Jersey Joe Walcott, Jung-Koo Chang, Frazier-Broad.

July 1983: Jeff Chandler: The Best Fighter Nobody Knows. Plus: Sugar Ray Seales, Jack Dempsey, Bobby Chacon, Dokes-Weaver II, Holmes-Witherspoon, Paul Berlenbach.

Aug. 1983: Roberto Duran: One 'Mas' Time! Plus: After Holmes?, Colin Jones, Jimmy Montoya, Alexis Arguello, Billy Petrolle.

Sept. 1983: Exclusive: Sugar Ray Leonard Talks About His Past, Present, & Future. Plus: Hagler & Duran: 'How I'll Win The Fight,' Jaime Garza, Panama Lewis, Spinks-Mustafa-Muhammad, Bobo Olson, Jack Johnson, Mustafa Hamsho, Muniz-Chandler.

Oct. 1983: (104-Page Special)—Hagler-Duran Program. Plus: Best fighter poll, Who's who?, Jose Sulaiman, Billy McNeece, Marty Servo, Milton McCory, Collin Jones.

Nov. 1983: Gerrie Coetzee: The New Heavyweight Champ Sets His Sights On Holmes. Plus: Alexis Arguello, Murray Sutherland, James J. Braddock, Muhammad Ali.

Dec. 1983: Greg Page: 'Holmes Will Never Fight Me—He's A Chicken-Livered Coward!' Plus: Hagler-Duran, Tim Witherspoon, Jake LaMotta, Cedeno-Magri, "Winners" by Leroy Neiman.

Feb. 1984: Don King Talks And Talks And Talks. Plus: Leonard's return, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, 1983 quotes, Marvin Hagler, Johnny Bratton, Gerald Hayes, Hagler-Duran color.

March 1984: Fighter Of The Year: Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Plus: *The Ring's* annual awards, 1983 fight calender, Carl Williams, Jung-Koo Chang, Chandler-Ruiz (color).

April 1984: Sugar Ray Leonard: "I'm Gonna Be Better Than Ever!" Plus: *Ring's* ratings of 8,000 fighters, Henry Armstrong, Don Lee, Koji Kobayashi, Mancini-Chacon (color).

June 1984: Bumphus, Lockridge, Duva: 'That Championship Year.' Plus: Ferdie Pacheco, Harry Arroyo, Holmes-Coetzee preview, Pipino Cuevas, Aaron Pryor, Battling Nelson-Joe Gans, Witherspoon-Page.

July 1984: Bazooka's Aim Is True: Gomez Shoots Down LaPorte In The Battle For San Juan. Plus: Michael Spinks, Vinny Pazienza, Tyrone Crawley, Leonard's comback, Chandler-Sandoval, Hagler-Roldan.

Aug. 1984: *Ring* Olympic Special. Plus: Mark Breland, Sugar Ray Leonard, Frank Bruno, Bramble-Mancini (color), Hatcher-Bumphus (color).

Sept. 1984: The Scramble For Bramble: Livingstone's Wrapped Up In Being A Champion. Plus: Hearns-Duran, Rosario-Davis, Aaron Pryor, Eusebio Pedroza.

Oct. 1984: The Beast From The East: John Mugabi Strikes Terror In The Hearts Of Men. Plus: Bill Costello, nine gold medals, Don King, Davey Moore, memorabilia.

Dec. 1984: Hagler Hammers Hamsho. Plus: Barry McGuigan, James Broad, boxing's best, Julian Jackson, Thomas-Witherspoon.

Jan. 1985: Holmes-Bonecrusher Color Action. Plus: Gerry Cooney, pro debuts (Breland, Hill, Taylor, Biggs, Whitaker, Holyfield), Santos-Medal, Meza-Garza.

Feb. 1985: Showdown: Page Clobbers Coetzee For WBA Title. Plus: Larry Holmes, lightweights, Cooney-Chaplin, McCallum-Minchillo.

March 1985: Fighter Of The Year: Thomas 'Hit Man' Hearns. Plus: Year-end awards, Darrell-Estrada, Nelson-Gomez, Arroyo-Alli.

April 1985: Special Hagler-Hearns Program. Plus: British fighters, Hector Camacho, Donald Curry, British fighters, Sonny Liston.

May 1985: The Rematch In Reno: Bramble-Mancini Color Action. Plus: Donald Curry, Aaron Pryor, McGuigan-LaPorte.

June 1985: Holmes' Last Hurrah? Holmes-Bey Color Action. Plus: Holmes vs. all-time greats, Paul-Arroyo, 1901.

July 1985: Marvelous Marvin! Are There Any More Mountains To Climb? Plus: Hagler-Hearns, 10 greatest first rounds, Tyson (2-0) rates the heavys, Tubbs-Page.

Aug. 1985: Seven Elected To The Ring Hall Of Fame (Jose Napoles, Jake LaMotta, Panama Al Brown, Manuel Ortiz, Young Stribling, Thomas Jackling, Lord Lonsdale). Plus: Spinks-Holmes preview, Barry McGuigan.

Sept. 1985: Barry McGuigan: Can He Be Boxing's Savior? Plus: Carl Williams, Thomas-Weaver, Chavez-Mayweather I.

Oct. 1985: The "Macho Man" Rides Again. Plus: Dwight Muhammad Qawi, Camacho-Ramirez, Berbick-Green, Jeff Fenech, John E. Garcia, McCallum-Braxton.

Nov. 1985: Will Hagler Feast On The Beast? Plus: Hagler-Mugabi & Hearns-Shuler previews, Lonnie Smith, Pintor-Meza, Chuck Hull, Benitez-Moley.

Dec. 1985: Michael Spinks: Against All Odds. Plus: Curry-McCrory preview, McGuigan-Taylor, Alexis Arguello, Michael Olajide, Chavez-Pratchett.

Jan. 1986: In Search Of A Heavyweight Champion. Plus: Azumah Nelson, Arguello-Jefferson, Olympic update, Chicago boxing.

Feb. 1986: Mike Tyson: The Legacy Of Cus D'Amato. Plus: Rocky IV, Curry-McCrory, Teddy Mann, Kenny Lane.

March 1986: Co-Fighters Of The Year: Marvelous Marvin Hagler & Donald Curry. Plus: Special year-end awards, 1985 boxing diary, annual ratings, Evander Holyfield, Fenech-Coffee.

April 1986: Witherspoon Tames Tubbs For WBA Title. Plus: Dream fights, Greg Haugen, Tyrell Biggs, Mark Breland, Paul Gonzales, HBO tourney, Witherspoon-Tubbs, Frank Warren, Gene Tunney.

May 1986: Marvelous Marvin Tames The Beast. Plus: Hearns-Shuler, Mike Tyson, Bramble-Crawley, Sandoval-Canizales, Marvin Johnson, McGuigan-Cabrera, Arguello-Costello, Weaver-Williams.

June 1986: Barry's Back In The USA: McGuigan Breathes A Breath Of Fresh Air Into American Fight Scene. Plus: Bobby Czyz, Robbie Sims, Qawi-Holyfield preview, Berbick-Thomas, Bruno-Coetzee.

July 1986: Spinks-Holmes II: Who Really Won? Plus: Frank Bruno, Richie Sandoval, Kevin Watts, Tyson-Tillis, Boza-Edwards-Alli, Johnson-Burns.

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Aug. 1986: Is Sugar Ray Still Sweet? Plus: Lloyd Honeyghan, Tyson-Green, Cooney-Gregg, Hall of Fame (Eder Jofre, Benny Lynch, Bud Taylor, Sam McVey, Nat Langham, John Chambers), Bernardo Pinango.

Sept. 1986: Gerry Cooney vs. Mike Tyson: Who Would Win? Plus: Cruz-McGuigan, Hearns-Medal, Tyson-Gross, Sims-Duran.

Oct. 1986: Marvelous Marvin: Can Anyone Fill His Shoes? Plus: Tim Witherspoon, Holyfield-Qawi, Panama's champions, Frankie Duarte, Tyson-Frazier.

Nov. 1986: Mike Tyson: History In The Making. Plus: Tyson-Berbick preview, Spinks, Paul Gonzales, Bobby Czyz, Tyson-Ratliff, McCallum-Jackson.

Dec. 1986: The Weekend That Shook Up The Boxing World. Plus: Rosario-Bramble, Honeyghan-Curry, Butch Lewis, Buster Drayton, Johnson-Emebe, Raging Bull II.

April 1987: Hagler-Leonard Souvenir Issue. Plus: Czyz, Orlando Canizales, Mugabi-Thomas, Biggs-Snipes, Chavez-LaPorte, Bonecrusher-Witherspoon II, Haugen-Paul.

May 1987: Mike Tyson: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Year-end awards, *The Ring* annual ratings, Louie Espinoza, Herol Graham.

June 1987: Vinny Paz: Phenom Or Phony? Plus: Tyson-Bonecrusher, Mark Breland, Brian Mitchell, Evander Holyfield, Czyz-Edwards, Olajide-Lee, Curry-Montgomery.

July 1987: Spinks-Cooney: The Fight That Refused To Die. Plus: The new *Ring* ratings, Terry Marsh, George Foreman's return, Khaosai Galaxy, Hearns-Andries, Whitaker-Mayweather.

Aug. 1987: Sugar Ray: Still In Style. Plus: Leonard-Hagler, all-time heavyweight ratings, Czyz-MacDonald, Camacho-Davis.

Sept. 1987: Michael Olajide: The Look Of The Future? Plus: Tyson-Thomas, Jeff Fenech, middleweight muddle, Tsuyoshi Hamada, Juan Roldan, Harold Knight.

Oct. 1987: Special Hall Of Fame Issue: Ali Elected Unanimously! Plus: Hall of Fame directory, Spinks-Cooney, Pazienza-Haugen II, Aaron Pryor.

Nov. 1987: Tyson Wins Heavyweight Triple-Crown. Plus: Triple-crown champs, Matthew Hilton, Carlos Monzon interview, McCallum-Curry.

Dec. 1987: Spinks & Lewis: Boxing's Beastie Boys. Plus: Starling-Breland, Ramzi Hassan, Honeyghan-Hatcher, Holyfield-Ocasio.

Jan. 1988: Darrin Van Horn—Million Dollar Baby? Plus: Evander Holyfield, Hill-Stewart, Juan Coggi, great hookers, AIDS.

Feb. 1988: Gold Outshines Glitter: Tate Tops Olajide. Plus: Tyson-Biggs, Kalambay-Barkley, Hearns-Roldan, fights we'd like to see.

March 1988: Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns: "Now I Own History." Plus: Chavez-Rosario, Roger Mayweather, Rocky Lockridge, bleeders, Bruno-Bugner, Fenech-Zarate, Tony Burton.

April 1988: Evander Holyfield: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Special year-end awards, Holyfield-Qawi II, Foreman-Sekorski, Hill-Angulo.

May 1988: Goorge Foreman: "I Can Beat Tyson." Plus: Tyson-Holmes, Jesse Benavides, Showtime, no-knockout artists.

June 1988: Sugar Ray Robinson Still The Sweetest! Plus: All-time middleweight ratings, Larry Holmes, Louie Lomeli, McGirt-Warren II, Haugen-Pazienza II.

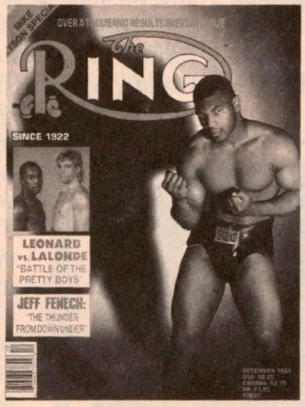
July 1988: Special Tyson-Spinks Preview Issue. Plus: Donald Trump interview, Honeyghan-Vaca II, Foreman-Qawi, Barkley-Olajide.

Aug. 1988: Julio Cesar Chavez: The Kid From Culiacan. Plus: Holyfield, bad decisions, Lockridge-Knight, Starling-Breland II, Brown-Trice, Haugen-Santana.

Sept. 1988: Sugar Ray: Here He Comes Again! Plus: Andries-Czyz, Kid Chocolate, Don Dunphy, Don Lalonde, Andries-Czyz.

Oct. 1988: Mike Tyson: What Price Glory? Plus: Tyson-Spinks, Hearns-Barkley, Davey Moore.

Nov. 1988: Donny Lalonde: "Sugar Ray is Out Of His Mind!" Plus: Hall of Fame selections (Carlos Ortiz, Joe Brown, Billy Graham, Cus D'Amato, Jimmy Jacobs), Nunn-Tate, Molinares-Starling, Honeyghan-Chung, '88 Olympians.



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Dec. 1988: Mike Tyson Special. Plus: Leonard-Lalonde preview, Barry McGuigan, alphabet wars, Jeff Fenech, Mauro Mina, Meldrick Taylor.

Jan. 1989: Meldrick Taylor: Philly Phenom. Plus: Marvin Hagler, Alex Wallau, Taylor-McGirt, Olympic results.

Feb. 1989: Julio Cesar Chavez. Plus: Chavez-Ramirez, all-time lightweight ratings, Louie Espinoza, Simon Brown, Roger Mayweather.

March 1989: Hearns Next For Sugar Ray? Plus: Leonard-Lalonde, Prince Charles Williams, Hearns-Kinchen, Nunn-Roldan, Hines-Hilton.

May 1989: The Best Of '88. Plus: Year-end awards, Evander Holyfield, Pryor-Morales, Fenech-Navarro.

Jan. 1990: Boxing's Bible Reborn At Age 68. Plus: George Foreman (color), Mike Tyson, Carlos Monzon, Duran-Leonard III, LaMotta-Dauthuille.

Feb. 1990: Riddick Bowe/Ray Mercer Target . . . Tyson: Plus: The Olympians as pros (color), Bobby Czyz, Gerry Cooney, Wepner-Liston, Bobo Olson.

March 1990: The '80s—Great Fights, Great Fighters (color). Plus: Jeff Harding, Evander Holyfield, Pete Rademacher, Sharkey-McCoy.

April 1990: Pernell Whitaker—*The Ring* Fighter Of The Year (color). Plus: Chavez-Taylor preview, Leonard-Duran III, Tiger Flowers, Muhammad Ali.

May 1990: Big George Talks Tough! Plus: Archie Moore, Moore-Marciano (color), Grudge Wars, Kid Berg, Ike Williams-Alexis Arguello.

June 1990: Buster! How James Douglas Shocked The World. Plus: Michael Moorer, Camacho-Paez, Tommy Farr, Excuses, Dick Tiger, Ruben Olivares-Jeff Chandler.

July 1990: "I'm Hungrier Than Ever Before!" By Evander Holyfield. Plus: Muhammad Ali painting, Ali-Liston II, New York welters, Michael Carbajal, Jorge Paez, Kid Gavilan.

Aug. 1990: His Greatness Confirmed . . . Is Julio Cesar Chavez The Greatest Mexican Fighter Ever? Plus: Matthew Saad Muhammad, Sullivan & Tyson, Michael Nunn, Mark Breland, Harold Johnson, Louis-Godoy (color).

Sept. 1990: Marvin Hagler—Can He Resist The Irresistible Temptation? Plus: Thomas Hearns, Sanchez-Saddler, Paul Banke, puncher vs. chin, Beau Jack, Robinson-LaMotta (color).

Oct. 1990: Thanks For The Memories: Rocky Graziano, 1922-1990. Plus: Aaron Pryor, Mike Tyson, Napoles-Leonard, A Gathering Of Champions (color).

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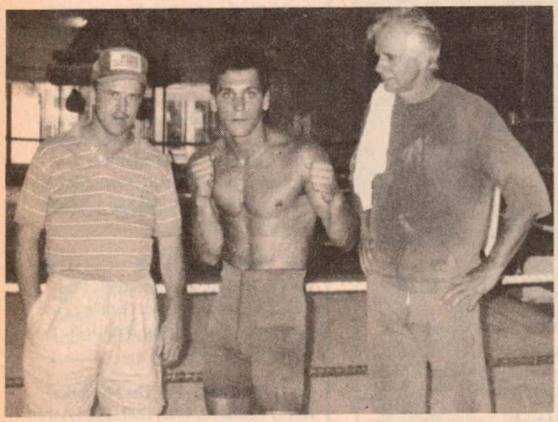
ROUND ONE

STILL CALLING THE SIGNALS: Kenny Stabler is a rookie again, but instead of studying a playbook full of x's and o's, he's learning about life between the ropes. Based in Mobile, Alabama, Stabler has become a fight manager. His most promising charge: super middleweight Randall Yonker, who is 17-1.



Trainer Ted Mosley, Randall Yonker, and Ken Stabler

"I'm starting fresh in something I like," said Stabler, who won the Super Bowl in 1977 as the all-star quarterback of the Oakland Raiders. "So far I've learned that fighters are difficult. Most of them have had to fight all their lives, and winning their trust can be hard."

Stabler became a fight fan in the '50s, when his father "dragged me in front of the TV for the Friday night fights." When he talks boxing, the names aren't Ali and Frazier, or Tyson and Chavez, but instead Basilio and Fullmer and Olson and Robinson. "I'm still in love with them," he said. "They came to fight."

He expects the same from the fighters he now manages.

"To be a champion, you have to live like one," he said. "I'm not saying they have to be in bed by nine . . . "

Stabler may be a fight manager now, but he'll be an Oakland Raider forever. **—Steve Farhood**

WHO WAS THAT MAN?: When 1988 Olympic silver medalist Roy Jones Jr. signed to fight Texas junior middleweight champion Derwin Richards on July 14, he expected a competitive fight. As it turned out, Jones, fighting in his hometown of Pensacola, Florida, won via first-round knockout. But the fighter he beat was Oklahoma's Tony Waddles, not Richards, who was working at a Texas correctional facility on the day of the fight.

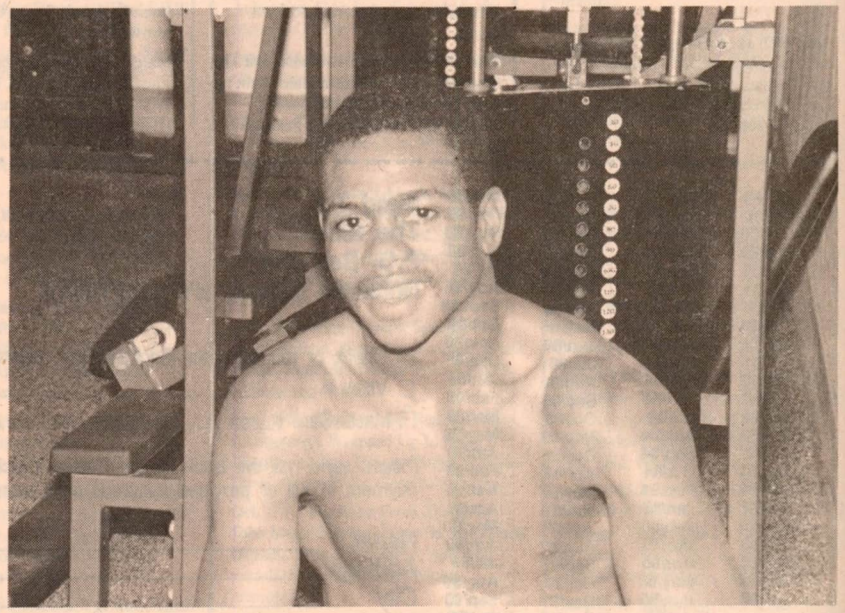
Waddles, who is cooperating with investigators, claimed he didn't know that he would be fighting under an assumed name.

"The first inkling he had of it, he said, was when he heard himself announced in the ring as Derwin Richards," said David Parrett, a district attorney's investigator from Oklahoma City.

Roy Jones Sr., the father of the Olympian, learned about the imposter after a local sportscaster recognized Waddles. Jones contacted the Florida state attorney general's office, which launched an investigation. Elvis Belt, who manages Waddles, was subsequently arrested on fraud charges in Oklahoma City, and, according to chief investigator John Peaden, Tennessee matchmaker Gerome Peete was being sought on the same charges.

It was Peete who "gave us the contact [with] the supposed Derwin Richards' people," Jones said. "He told our promoter, Stanley Levin, that [Richards] split with his manager and said to contact Belt, whom he said was Richards' new manager. I guess Belt went along with it."

Peete had been suspended by Florida commissioner Don Hazleton back in April for bringing in Tommy Jeans, who, Hazleton said, fought under an



Roy Jones Jr.: A dark chapter in the Sunshine State

alias. Hazleton said Peete tried to slide in another imposter in May, but was caught and banned. Said Hazleton, "There could be some real aftermath-type shock waves coming out of this."

One such wave surfaced a few weeks after the story broke, when Square Ring Promotions, Jones' promoter, announced that the Olympian would no longer fight in his home state.

— Joseph C. Tintle

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: Undefeated junior lightweight **Joey Gamache's** crack at WBA champion **Brian Mitchell**, scheduled for September in the challenger's hometown of Lewiston, Maine, was postponed when Gamache was injured in a car accident. He suffered a three-inch cut on his left eyelid, and his neck was put in a brace. He might be out of action as long as six months . . . Veteran Atlantic City cutman **Don Nelson** died in New York City of lung cancer . . . The *Boxing News* reports that former junior welterweight champion **Saensak Muangsurin** is now a blind, penniless monk . . . **Seth Abraham**, who has been the guiding force behind HBO

Seth Abraham: A new gig

boxing, has become the head of Time Warner Sports. Among his new duties will to be air pay-per-view boxing shows . . . From the Rumors We Thought We'd Never Hear file: **Thomas Hearns** may be looking to end his long-time association with **Emanuel Steward** and the Kronk Gym. One report had Hearns considering a deal with infamous promoter **Harold Smith**. Steward did not deny the rumors.

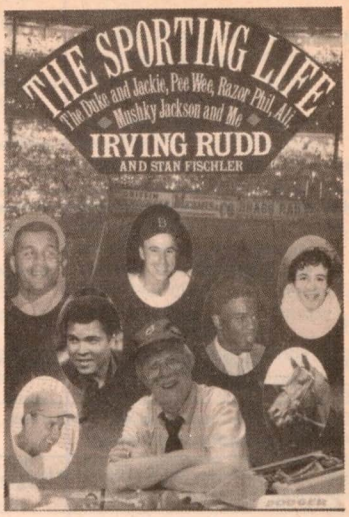
THE SPORTING LIFE: You don't have to know Irving Rudd to enjoy *The Sporting Life* (St. Martin's Press), which the publicist co-authored with Stan Fischler. But if you do know "Unswerving Irving," you could never imagine his biography being any different than it is.

Rudd has spent the last 50 years publicizing everything from Muhammad Ali to Yonkers Raceway to Off-Track Betting to the Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1977, he joined Bob Arum, and has been pushing Top Rank's fights since.

Rudd's story reads like he's talking to you, so it's a good thing he had an editor, because Irving has been described as "a man of a few thousand words." His boxing anecdotes, dating from Damon Runyon and the fight clubs of Brooklyn to Sugar Ray Leonard and the Caesars Palace parking lot, are fresh and fun. Rudd knows how to tell a story, in person and in print.

Rudd is also candid. Long past the point of having to worry about hurting feelings or alienating potential clients, he rips Don King—Rudd was DK's publicist during the scandalous 1977 U.S. Boxing Championships—and says of Leonard, "It would be nice for me to say that I enjoy working with Sugar Ray, but that would brand me a liar. The fact is, I don't think Leonard is a nice guy. Period. And enough incidents have occurred in our relationship to make me think this chapter would have been titled, 'The Boy Next Door Is A Prick.' "

The best chapters of *The Sporting Life,* however, concern the old days, when Rudd cruised Stillman's Gym



Rudd's book: A winner

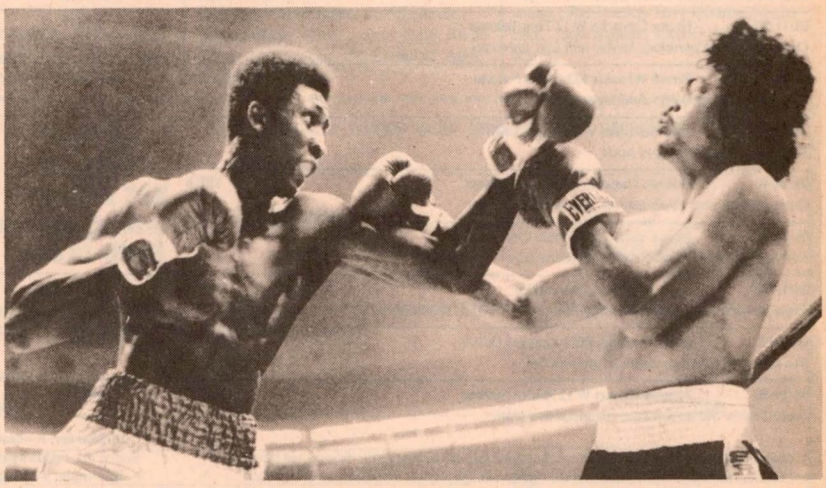
and worked for characters like Benny the Whoosh. Rudd is a remarkable publicist who's had a remarkable career. We're lucky he's chosen to share it with us.—**Steve Farhood**

THE PUNCHLINE: Not to be outdone by the Kings, Duvas, and Arums of the boxing world, our favorite promoter, Lansing, Michigan's Elliot Harvith, has sent us press kits that have included bagels, rubber gorillas, and miniature versions of the shell game.

In a recent release hyping one of his shows, Harvith wrote, " . . . The first 500 fans will receive one of those clever disguise kits, you know, the fake glasses-nose-mustache face. Why? Who knows?"

We certainly don't know, Elliot. But we'd never doubt you for a minute.

— Robert Cassidy



Thomas Hearns kayos Saensak Muangsurin in October 1979

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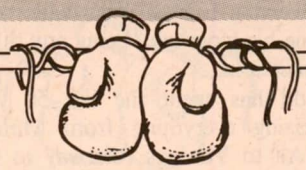

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07/16/90	Engels Pedroza KO 9 Augustin Caballero	w	SC	B-	B	A-
One of the wildest brawls of the year						
07/17/90	Felix Gonzalez Tech. Win 8 Juan LaPorte	jl	USA	B	B-	B
Third-round butt and cut bring eventual stoppage						
07/21/90	**Gianfranco Rosi W 12 Darrin Van Horn**	**IBF jm**	**ABC**	**A**	**A-**	**D**
Dreadful wrestling match with no significant punches						
07/22/90	Buddy McGirt W 10 Jose Bermudez	w	CBS	B+	A-	C+
Slippery McGirt injures arm, still outboxes bomber						
07/24/90	Carl Williams KO 5 Melton Bowen	USBA h	USA	A-	B+	B
Single right uppercut chops down energetic challenger						
07/24/90	Alfred Rangel W 10 Jose Sanabria	jl	MSG	B	B+	B
Quick combinations the difference in minor upset						
07/26/90	Johnny Tapia KO 9 Jose Felix Montiel	USBA jb	ESPN	B+	B-	C
Streaking winner dominates; three knockdowns do it						
07/28/90	**Dennis Andries KO 7 Jeff Harding**	**WBC lh**	**ABC**	**A**	**A**	**B**
Revenge! Andries powers past defensively deficient foe						
07/29/90	**Michael Carbajal KO 7 Muangchai Kittikasem**	**IBF jfl**	**ABC**	**A**	**A**	**B+**
Carbajal first of '88 Olympians to win pro title						
07/31/90	George Foreman KO 3 Ken Lakusta	h	USA	B+	D	C+
Big George frightened by overhand right before coup de grace						
08/02/90	Harold Brazier W 10 Anthony Stephens	jw	ESPN	B-	B	B-
Brazier remains contender with controlled performance						
08/05/90	Ray Mercer W 12 Bert Cooper	NABF h	CBS	A-	B+	A-
Mercer overcomes torn lip, swollen jaw, stubborn foe						
08/05/90	Vinny Pazienza W 10 Greg Haugen	jw	NBC	B	A-	C
Paz surprises archrival with finesse game						
08/06/90	Rowdy Welch KO 7 Fili Montoya	jl	SC	C	C+	C
Once-useful Mexican Montoya loses fourth in row						
08/06/90	Victor Rabanales Tech. Dec. 7 Cardenio Ulloa	b	PN	C+	B	B-
Winner ahead on points when butt ends tourney bout						
08/07/90	Louie Lomeli W 10 Edwin Curet	jw	USA	B-	B-	B
Lomeli relentless, but Curet still a stand-up guy						
08/09/90	Reggie Johnson KO 10 Eddie Hall	USBA m	ESPN	A-	B-	B
Johnson overcomes cut eye and second-round knockdown						
08/11/90	Meldrick Taylor W 10 Primo Ramos	w	HBO	A-	B+	B
Meldrick shines in bout's second half						
08/11/90	Hector Camacho W 12 Tony Baltazar	jw	HBO	B+	B+	B-
Camacho controls onrushing hooker with jabs, uppercuts						
08/11/90	**Pernell Whitaker KO 1 Juan Nazario**	**wrld l**	**HBO**	**A**	**B+**	**C+**
Single overhand left brings shocking ending						
08/13/90	Jesse Benavides W 10 Diego Avila	jf	SC	B	B	B+
Benavides a bit flat in rugged battle						
08/14/90	**Orlando Canizales KO 5 Eddie Rangel**	**IBF b**	**USA**	**A**	**B**	**B**
Short, crisp punches slowly take the fight out of challenger						
08/16/90	Steve Collins KO 6 Fermin Chirino	m	ESPN	B	B-	B-
Powderpuff puncher Collins scores impressive kayo						
08/18/90	Nigel Benn KO 1 Iran Barkley	m	ABC	A-	A	B+
Illegal blows tarnish sensational victory						
08/19/90	Razor Ruddock KO 3 Kimmuel Odum	h	CBS	B+	B-	B
Ruddock turning into devastating kayo puncher						
08/19/90	**Maurice Blocker W 12 Marlon Starling**	**WBC w**	**ABC**	**A**	**B+**	**B+**
Busier Blocker triumphs in better-than-expected brawl						

Category explanation: "Significance"—The importance of the bout to the division and the fighters' future; "Matchup"—The quality of the fighters and the prefight determination of how their styles will mesh; "Result"—How the bout turned out, from the viewer's perspective.)

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Division key: h—heavyweight; c—cruiserweight; lh—light heavyweight; sm—super middleweight; m—middleweight; jm—junior middleweight; w—welterweight; jw—junior welterweight; l—lightweight; jl—junior lightweight; f—featherweight; jf—junior featherweight; b—bantamweight; jb—junior bantamweight; fl—flyweight; jfl—junior flyweight; s—strawweight.)

Network key: PPV—Pay Per View; PN—Prime Network; SC—SportsChannel America; Show—Showtime

THE '60s ISSUES

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Sept. 1961: Who Is Tom McNeeley? Plus: Ike Williams, Rocky Graziano, Harold Johnson, master boxers, Madison Square Garden, Terry Downes, Gene Fullmer.

Oct. 1961: Boxing Series—Phony? Plus: Gene Fullmer, famous fights recalled, Cassius Clay, Harry Greb, Dick Tiger, Floyd Patterson, Gene Fullmer.

Dec. 1961: Sugar Ray Robinson—Finished? Plus: Paret-Griffith II, Tom McNeely, Hall of Fame (Spring, Tendler, Root, Villa), Benny Paret, Joe Gans.

Jan. 1962: Dempsey—Overrated? Plus: Emile Griffith, Davey Moore, Joe Brown, surrendering in the corner, Ray Robinson.

March 1962: 40th Anniversary Issue: Plus: Cus D'Amato, Dempsey and Marciano discuss Patterson-Liston fight, 40 years of *The Ring*, Ray Robinson, 1962 preview, Eder Jofre, active ex-champions.

April 1962: Tony Canzoneri—Champion To Oblivion: Plus: Dick Tiger, Sonny Liston, Floyd Patterson, Caribbean contenders, Ingemar Johannson.

Aug. 1962: Sonny Liston: "All I Want To Do Is Fight": Plus: Ruby Goldstein, Barney Ross, Patterson-Liston preview, Pone Kingpetch.

Sept. 1962: 25th Anniversary—Joe Louis: Plus: Max Baer, Harold Johnson, Emile Griffith, Ray Robinson.

Oct. 1962: Cassius Clay . . . "The Great I Am!": Plus: Experts pick Patterson-Liston winner, heavyweight champions, Rocky Marciano, Davey Moore.

Nov. 1962: Eight Pages Of Liston-Patterson: Plus: Billy Graham, middleweight muddle, Jack Dempsey's life in photos, Katsutoshi Aoki, Eddie Perkins.

Dec. 1962: Sonny Liston—New Heavyweight Champion: Plus: Experts pick best heavyweight ever, Floyd Patterson, Fighting Harada, quick endings.

Feb. 1963: "Why I'm Unbeatable," by Cassius Clay: Plus: Sonny Liston, Dick Tiger, Emile Griffith, 1962 in review, Giardello-Frank.

March 1963: "I Don't Fight With My Mouth," by Doug Jones: Plus: Greatest Irish fighter, Billy Conn, Mickey Walker, Pone Kingpetch.

April 1963: What Chance Has Patterson?: Plus: Kenny Lane, Benny Leonard photo feature, Carlos Ortiz, Flash Elorde.

May 1963: Las Vegas—The New Capital: Plus: Jose Torres, Gus Lesnevich, Floyd Patterson, Sonny Liston, Cassius Clay, Luis Rodriguez, Tiger-Fullmer.

July 1963: Carlos Ortiz: "Vacate My Title?" Plus: Gene Fullmer, the flaw in Cassius Clay, Liston-Patterson II prefight, Paul Pender, Willie Pastrano.

Aug. 1963: Three Big Championship Fights (Pastrano-Johnson, Griffith-Rodriguez, Perkins-Cruz): Plus: Mike Jacobs, sour decisions, Rubin Carter, Liston-Patterson II preview, Jack Root.

Sept. 1963: Clay: "Some People Talk Too Much." Plus: Liston-Patterson II, Willie Pastrano, Sugar Ramos, Clay-Cooper, Doc Kearns.

Oct. 1963: The Ring's 500th Issue: Plus: World's best fighter poll, Dick Tiger, Sonny Liston, Cassius Clay, Ernie Terrell.

Nov. 1963: "Who Am I? Ask Cleveland Williams," says Ernest Terrell: Plus: Sam Langford, boxing in Mexico, 10th year of Hall of Fame, Kenny Lane, Sonny Liston, Floyd Patterson.

Jan. 1964: Joey Archer: Boxing's Greatest Hero. Plus: Cassius Clay, Dempsey vs. Schmeling, Dempsey vs. Baer, Cleveland Williams, Ingemar Johansson, Flash Elorde.

March 1964: Experts Dissect Liston-Clay. Plus: Floyd Patterson, TV fights, Italian champions, Eddie Perkins, Bob Fitzsimmons.

June 1964: Joey Giardello: "I'm Young Again!" Plus: Cassius Clay, Floyd Patterson, Willie Pastrano, Carlos Ortiz.

July 1964: Will Bobo Olson Win Title? Plus: The Polo Grounds, Cassius Clay, Bobo Olson, Willie Pastrano, Sugar Ramos.

Aug. 1964: Who Is Floyd Robertson? Plus: Max Schmeling, Griffith-Rodriguez, Dick Tiger, Olympic preview, Joey Giardello, Sonny Liston.

Sept. 1964: The Perils Of Patterson! Plus: Cleveland Williams, Laszlo Papp, Jose Stable, Carlos Ortiz.

Oct. 1964: Liston Couldn't Be Sidetracked: Plus: TV boxing, Dick Tiger, Persol-Olson, Jesus Pimental.

Feb. 1965: Where Do Our Heavies Stand Now? Plus: James J. Braddock, Emile Griffith, Jose Torres, Willie Pastrano, Oscar Bonavena, Eder Jofre.

April 1965: Clay Clamors For White Hopes. Plus: Jack Dempsey, Bobby Cassidy, Jess Willard, Patterson-Chuvalo, Carlos Hernandez, Tony Galento, Joe Louis.

May 1965: Have Liston Boosters Gone Cold? Plus: Rocky Marciano, Rodriguez-Carter, Ernie Terrell, Folly-Bonavena, George Chuvalo, greatest fight that never took place.

June 1965: Clay Says, "I Have A Secret!" Plus: Tex Rickard, Jose Torres, Tiger-Giardello, Emile Griffith, James Beattie.

July 1965: Jose Torres, Puerto Rico's New Hero. Plus: Clay-Liston II prefight, Gene Tunney, Panama, Joey Giardello, Bonavena-Folley, George Chuvalo, Salvatore Burrini.

Aug. 1965: What Really Happened At Lewiston? Plus: Dick Tiger, Doc Kearns, Luguna-Ortiz, Patterson-Herring.

Sept. 1965: Walcott: Clay Could Beat Dempsey! Plus: Ali-Liston II backlash, Henry Hank, Willie Pep, Nino Benvenuti.

Oct. 1965: Will $$$ Still Lure Wilt? Plus: Jose Torres, Floyd Patterson, Joe Frazier, four ring hopefuls, Billy Conn, Liston-Clay, Flash Elorde.

Nov. 1965: Giardello Title Tenure Over? Plus: History of middleweights, heavyweight situation, Johnny Persol, Luis Rodriguez, Mathis & Frazier's pro debuts.

Dec. 1965: Experts Pick Clay vs. Patterson. Plus: Jose Torres, Sonny Liston, Joey Archer, Oscar Bonavena, Vicente Saldivar.

Jan. 1966: Explosion!!! Four Title Fights!!! Plus: Dick Tiger, Cassius Clay, Ernie Terrell, George Chuvalo, Floyd Patterson.

Feb. 1966: Is Cassius' Punching Power A Myth? Plus: Clay-Patterson, Hall of Fame (Coulon, Kilrain, Conn, Young Corbett, Moran), Sugar Ray Robinson.

April 1966: Who Has The Best Style To Beat Clay? Plus: Buster Mathis, Ernie Terrell, Marcel Cerdan, Dick Tiger, Rubin Carter, Carlos Ortiz, Bat Battalino, Alan Rudkin.

May 1966: Who Will Tame Dick Tiger? Clay-Terrell preview, James Norris, Emile Griffith, Vicente Saldivar.

July 1966: Promotional Brawl Looms In New York. Plus: Griffith-Tiger, white hopes, Ernie Terrell, Clay vs. past champs, George Chuvalo.

Aug. 1966: "I Will Retire Unbeaten!" Says Clay. Plus: Jose Torres, Randy Turpin, Karl Mildenberger, Clay-Cooper II, Emile Griffith, Harada-Jofre.

Sept. 1966: France Claims Its First Welter Title. Plus: Ernie Terrell, Jean Josselin, Nino Benvenuti, U.S. vs. Britain.

Oct. 1966: How Did Mildenberger Get There? Plus: Clay-London, Clay draft appeal, Sonny Liston, Louis-Schmeling I, Griffith-Archer, Joe Frazier.

Dec. 1966: Cassius Clay (painting by LeRoy Neiman). Plus: Frazier-Bonavena, Tony Zale, Primo Carnera, Clay-Terrell, Thompson-McClarnin, Floyd Patterson.

Jan. 1967: Is Time Running Out On Terrell? Plus: Torres-Tiger preview, long count mystery solved, Carlos Ortiz, Cassius Clay, Zora Folley, Johnny Persol.

March 1967: Why Isn't Clay Fighter Of The Year? Plus: Year-end issue, 2,500 fighters rated, Tiger-Torres, Clay-Terrell, Curtis Cokes.

April 1967: Death Stalks The Tiger. Plus: Cassius Clay, Emile Griffith, Mike Jacobs, Barney Ross, Joe Clark.

May 1967: Cassius Clay: "Louis Clobber Me? He Must Be Joking!" Plus: Frazier-Jones, Floyd Patterson, Carlos Ortiz, Frazier-Mathis preview, Nino Benvenuti.

June 1967: They're Talking Frazier Now!!! Plus: Ali-Folley, Ellis-Persol, Joe Louis, Ismael Laguna, Clay-Ellis?, Joe Gans.

Aug. 1967: Karl Mildenberger: Germany's Second Schmeling? Plus: Nino Benvenuti, Foster-Cotton, Curtis Cokes, Tiger-Torres II, heavyweight analysis.

Sept. 1967: Nino Benvenuti: Italy's Greatest Ever? Plus: Sonny Liston mystery, Primo Carnera dead, Clay's court battles, Vincente Saldivar, Yoshiaki Numata.

Oct. 1967: Frazier's Demolition Of Chuvalo Sparked Ice Bag Mystery. Plus: Ortiz-Ramos, Madison Square Garden tourney, Primo Carnera tribute.

Nov. 1967: Can Thad Spencer Match Frazier's KO Punch? Plus: Buster Mathis, Jimmy Ellis, Sonny Liston, heavyweight elimination tourney, Carlos Ortiz.

Dec. 1967: Jack Dempsey Picks Next Heavyweight Champion. Plus: Griffith-Benvenuti II, Joe Frazier, Gans-McGovern controversy, Buster Mathis.

Jan. 1968: Corbett-Dempsey Computer Fight. Plus: Joe Louis picks tournament winner, Joe Frazier, Jerry Quarry, Jimmy Ellis, Thad Spencer, Vicente Saldivar retires.

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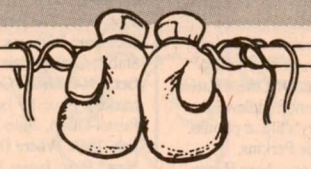

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight Unlimited

1 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Columbus, OH *32-4 (World Champ)*

2 **MIKE TYSON**
Catskill, NY *38-1*

3 **EVANDER HOLYFIELD**
Atlanta, GA *24-0*

4 **RAZOR RUDDOCK**
Canada *24-1-1*

5 **TIM WITHERSPOON**
Philadelphia, PA *33-3*

6 **CARL WILLIAMS**
White Plains, NY *23-3*

7 **FRANCESCO DAMIANI**
Italy *26-0*

8 **RAY MERCER**
Union, NJ *16-0*

9 **ALEX STEWART**
Brooklyn, NY *26-1*

10 **RIDDICK BOWE**
Brooklyn, NY *18-0*

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 195 pounds

1 **JEFF LAMPKIN**
Youngstown, OH *35-13-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **ROBERT DANIELS**
Miami, FL *17-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 **TAOUFIK BELBOULI**
France *29-1*

4 **NATE MILLER**
Philadelphia, PA *17-1*

5 **ANACLET WAMBA**
France *27-1*

6 **MASSIMILIANO DURAN**
Italy *17-0 (WBC Champ)*

7 **MIKE HUNTER**
Las Vegas, NV *15-2-2*

8 **CARLOS DeLEON**
Puerto Rico *42-6-1*

9 **JOHNNY NELSON**
England *18-5-1*

10 **MAGNE HAVNAA**
Norway *14-2*

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 175 pounds

1 **VIRGIL HILL**
Las Vegas, NV *28-0 (WBA Champ)*

2 **PRINCE CHARLES WILLIAMS**
Mansfield, OH *28-4-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MICHAEL MOORER**
Detroit, MI *20-0*

4 **DENNIS ANDRIES**
Detroit, MI *37-8-2 (WBC Champ)*

5 **BOBBY CZYZ**
Wanaque, NJ *36-5*

6 **JEFF HARDING**
Australia *17-1*

7 **DAVID VEDDER**
San Jose, CA *13-9-3*

8 **BOOKER T. WORD**
Ypsilanti, MI *18-1-1*

9 **LESLIE STEWART**
Trinidad & Tobago *27-5*

10 **URIAH GRANT**
Miami, FL *20-8*

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Weight Limit: 168 pounds

1 **RAY LEONARD**
Potomac, MD *36-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **THOMAS HEARNS**
Las Vegas, NV *47-3-1*

3 **CHRISTOPHE TIOZZO**
France *27-0 (WBA Champ)*

4 **LINDELL HOLMES**
Detroit, MI *42-5-1 (IBF Champ)*

5 **TONY BYRD**
Los Angeles, CA *18-1-1*

6 **DARIO MATTEONI**
Argentina *25-1-1*

7 **VICTOR CORDOVA**
Panama *12-2*

8 **JAMES KINCHEN**
San Diego, CA *48-7-2*

9 **JUAN CARLOS GIMENEZ**
Paraguay *33-4-3*

10 **DAN MORGAN**
Minneapolis, MN *35-0*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 135 pounds

1 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Norfolk, VA *23-1 (World Champ)*

2 **TRACY SPANN**
Plainfield, NJ *25-0*

3 **FREDDIE PENDLETON**
Miami, FL *26-17-3*

4 **JUAN NAZARIO**
Puerto Rico *22-3*

5 **EDWIN ROSARIO**
Puerto Rico *35-4*

6 **JOHN DUPLESSIS**
New Orleans, LA *33-1*

7 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *29-0*

8 **ANTHONY JONES**
Detroit, MI *27-2-1*

9 **PEDRO SANCHEZ**
New York, NY *16-0-1*

10 **GREG HAUGEN**
Henderson, NV *25-3-1*

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *31-2*

2 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *35-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *41-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JEFF FENECH**
Australia *24-0*

5 **JOHN-JOHN MOLINA**
Puerto Rico *21-3*

6 **GENARO HERNANDEZ**
Los Angeles, CA *19-0*

7 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
Knoxville, TN *41-2-2*

8 **JUAN LaPORTE**
New York, NY *36-10*

9 **JOEY GAMACHE**
Lewiston, ME *20-0*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *25-0*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *30-1-4 (WBA Champ)*

2 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *35-2-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *12-3-3*

4 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *37-4-1*

5 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *50-7-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *38-1*

7 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *17-0-1*

8 **ELOY ROJAS**
Venezuela *18-0*

9 **RAFAEL ZUNIGA**
Colombia *23-0-2*

10 **PAUL HODKINSON**
England *18-1-1*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *19-4 (WBC Champ)*

2 **JESSE BENAVIDES**
Corpus Christi, TX *32-1*

3 **DANIEL ZARAGOZA**
Mexico *40-5-1*

4 **WELCOME NCITA**
South Africa *26-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **JESUS SALUD**
San Diego, CA *33-4*

6 **TRACY PATTERSON**
New Paltz, NY *36-2*

7 **PEDRO DECIMA**
Argentina *25-2*

8 **JEMAL HINTON**
District Heights, MD *13-0*

9 **YONG HOON LEE**
South Korea *16-0*

10 **NOREE JOCKYGYM**
Thailand *32-8-1*

How Our Ratings Are Compiled

- In each division, fighters are ranked according to their abilities and accomplishments.
- Being champion does not necessarily mean a fighter will be rated at the top of his weight class.
- These ratings reflect how the best fighters in the world rate against one another.

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Los Angeles, CA *35-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 **SUMBU KALAMBAY**
Italy *49-4-1*

3 **MIKE McCALLUM**
Brooklyn, NY *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **NIGEL BENN**
England *27-1*

5 **ROBERTO DURAN**
Miami, FL *85-8*

6 **STEVE COLLINS**
Brockton, MA *17-1*

7 **HEROL GRAHAM**
England *43-2*

8 **MICHAEL WATSON**
England *22-2-1*

9 **DONALD CURRY**
Fort Worth, TX *33-3*

10 **REGGIE JOHNSON**
Houston, TX *26-1-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Virgin Islands *39-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *49-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *26-3 (WBC Champ)*

4 **JOHN MUGABI**
Tampa, FL *36-3*

5 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Tucson, AZ *21-0*

6 **JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ**
Argentina *24-0*

7 **JORGE CASTRO**
Argentina *47-1-2*

8 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *44-2*

9 **CHRIS PYATT**
England *30-2*

10 **QUINCY TAYLOR**
Dallas, TX *14-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Brentwood, NY *50-2-1*

4 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *30-0 (WBA Champ)*

5 **MARK BRELAND**
New York, NY *27-2-1*

6 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfeild, NJ *30-1*

7 **TYRONE TRICE**
Detroit, MI *36-3*

8 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *35-2-1*

9 **KIRKLAND LAING**
England *37-7-1*

10 **ENGELS PEDROZA**
Henderson, NV *31-2*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *69-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Philadelphia, PA *25-1-1*

3 **LORETO GARZA**
Sacramento, CA *27-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ROGER MAYWEATHER**
Las Vegas, NV *37-6*

5 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *38-0*

6 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *45-2-2*

7 **LOUIE LOMELI**
Melrose Park, IL *28-1*

8 **VINNY PAZIENZA**
Cranston, RI *30-4*

9 **JOHN MEEKINS**
New York, NY *22-2-2*

10 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Essex County, NJ *17-0*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **RAUL PEREZ**
Mexico *47-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *26-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LUISITO ESPINOSA**
Philippines *23-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *33-2-1*

5 **PEPILLO VALDEZ**
Mexico *37-3*

6 **GERARDO MARTINEZ**
San Jose, CA *23-1*

7 **KIYOSHI HATANAKA**
Japan *19-1-1*

8 **BILLY HARDY**
England *23-5-1*

9 **FERNIE MORALES**
Mexico *26-3*

10 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *26-3*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
Thailand *44-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **SUNG KIL MOON**
South Korea *12-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *18-1-1*

4 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *16-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **KID AKEEM**
Las Vegas, NV *20-0*

6 **THANOMSAK SITHBAOBEY**
Thailand *32-1*

7 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *17-2*

8 **JOHNNY TAPIA**
Albuquerque, NM *19-0-1*

9 **DAVID GRIMAN**
Venezuela *9-0*

10 **REY PACIONES**
Philippines *28-2-3*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **SOT CHITALADA**
Thailand *21-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *15-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LEOPARD TAMAKUMA**
Japan *27-4 (WBA Champ)*

4 **JUNG KOO CHANG**
South Korea *37-2*

5 **YUL WOO LEE**
South Korea *19-3*

6 **JESUS ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-2-1*

7 **RICHARD CLARKE**
Jamaica *23-2*

8 **JAVIER LUCAS**
Mexico *37-5*

9 **ROMY NAVARETTE**
Philippines *37-9-1*

10 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *21-2*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Lightweight

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Middleweight

4 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Featherweight

5 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Junior Welterweight

6 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Heavyweight

7 **MIKE TYSON**
Heavyweight

8 **RAUL PEREZ**
Bantamweight

9 **YUH MYUNG WOO**
Light Flyweight

10 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Light Flyweight

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MAKING A THIRD IMPRESSION

By Michael Katz

The more I saw of him, the less I liked him. Too bad. Nice, personable guy, be nice to have him around at the top of the heavyweight division for a while. But the jab was slow, the reflexes not much, and he was so hittable, so small. And old. A comparative neophyte at 29. Then he sets up shop in Newark. Maybe Ray Mercer wasn't even *smart* enough to make it.

Still, he seemed a better reason to trek down to Atlantic City than the third meeting of Vinny Pazienza and Greg Haugen. You know what I mean? Deja boo. Familiarity breeds contempt. Maybe I was wrong about Mercer. Besides, the Garden State Parkway is always a lovely drive.

It wasn't hard selling my bosses on the idea that I would cover Mercer's fight with Bert Cooper, rather than watch two white guys who couldn't fight much. So what if I wound up watching two *black* guys who couldn't fight much. At least they were heavyweights, and of all the prejudices in boxing, that's probably the most prevalent—heavyweights get top billing.

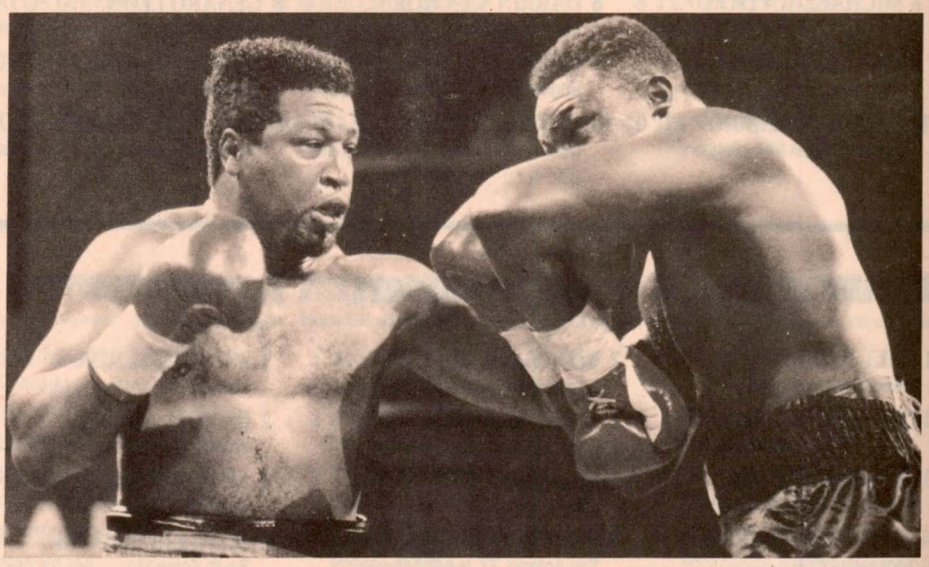
What I discovered was that I was wrong on a lot of counts. Ray Mercer has the right stuff—the stuff that makes us boxing fans in the first place. It was also the stuff that helped Pazienza and Haugen earn inordinate amounts of money, beyond the fact that they had the complexions and the connections. What made those limited fighters so popular was their courageous styles. It's also what is going to make Mercer a commodity in the heavyweight market.

I made the right choice, and not simply because Mercer-Cooper was a terrific show and Paz-Haugen III turned out to be just another pale summer sequel. The heavyweight division is still the flagship of boxing, and while, for a change, there is terrific excitement at the top, the young lions need frequent checking. First and second impressions are not enough with heavyweights. Mercer is another in a long list of examples.

Examples I and II: I used to kid the late Mike Jones, a wonderful manager, about his predilection of signing heavyweights with little ability. Steve Fleisch, a pudgy kid from Staten Island, was one. Alex Stewart was another.

"Look, in the heavyweight division, you don't need much," Jones would lecture me. "If you can punch a bit, take a punch, and have [guts], you don't have to be a great boxer."

Fleisch was a bust, but Stewart proved Jones' point. Now, so has Mercer. Until the Cooper fight, it seemed that only one of the new crop of heavyweights of the class of '88 would be able to join the fray once Tyson, Ruddock, Douglas, Holyfield, and company settled things among themselves. That was Riddick Bowe, Mercer's Olympic roommate. There really wasn't a second-best in my mind. Tommy Morrison, Lennox Lewis, Bruce Seldon, and Mercer all seemed lacking. Then Mercer changed my mind.



Ray Mercer's 12-rounder against Bert Cooper wasn't supposed to be the gut-check it turned into. Cooper was stubborn, and Mercer had to overcome several handicaps, including a broken finger and a swollen cheekbone.

You know Mercer. Started boxing rather than go on bivouac while stationed in Germany. Came out of the cold to become the upset winner of the Olympic Trials. Then, when everyone in Seoul knew the Koreans were about to pull a robbery in the gold-medal round, Mercer found himself in the finals against the local hero, Baik Hyun Man.

"You know how much pressure there was on Ray?" said his beaming manager, Newark businessman Marc Roberts. "I have a feeling he's a big-money fighter."

The Korean couldn't remain on his feet through the first round.

"Up to that point, I hadn't had any pressure on me," Mercer said. "Now I know I can handle it. I don't have to go in there and look like Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard. Everybody knows I have a punch, I can take a shot. I have everything it takes."

And then came Cooper, who had a reputation for preferring his stool to the middle of the ring. He had quit in his corner against George Foreman, and dogged it against so many guys that the word was out: Get on top of him and he'll quit. Even Mercer said, "He quit on everybody else, I don't want to be the one he don't quit on."

They began toe to toe. Mercer landed the first big punch, a short, chopping right hand neatly set up by a spin to the side, a reminder that for someone fighting pro only 18 months, and boxing only five years, he was a quick learner.

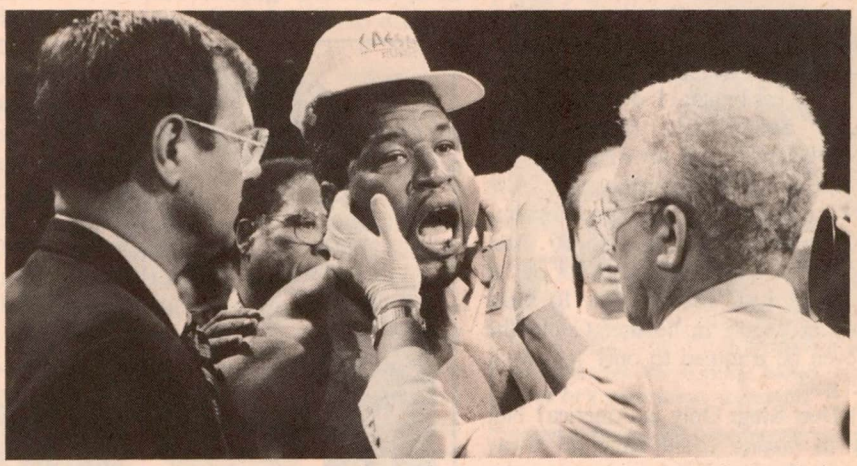
But instead of quitting, Cooper fired back. For 12 grueling but exciting rounds, they went at it. Not a round went by when Cooper didn't land a big shot. Mercer showed what a good chin he had.

And a lot more. A right uppercut in the first round split Mercer's lower lip. He would need almost 50 stitches to close the wound. For almost 12 full rounds, he was swallowing so much blood that he would finish with a terrible case of nausea. And because of the blood, he couldn't drink water. By the end, he was dehydrated.

Worse. He had gone into the fight with a swollen gland, and when Cooper landed a blow to Mercer's left cheek in the third round, a swelling began. In the sixth round, a solid right ballooned it to grapefruit size. It looked as if Mercer had a broken jaw, though the ringside physician was quick to inform the corner that there did not seem to be any bones broken.

Mercer was in pain. He said that every time Cooper hit the cheek, "it felt like a sledgehammer." Afterward, he told Roberts, "It seemed like the fight would never ever end."

There was more. In the third round, he broke the index finger of his right hand. In a way, said Roberts, "maybe all the injuries helped him—there were so many, he didn't know where to begin to worry about the pain, so he just went."



Incredibly, Mercer's cheekbone was not broken. He entered the ring with a swollen gland, and when Cooper landed a blow in the third round, the left side of the Olympian's face hideously ballooned.

Three weeks later, he was back in the gym.

"He feels a lot better about himself," Roberts said shortly after the Cooper fight, aware that Mercer had bristled over the lack of respect his early pro fights had earned him. "He can't wait till he gets back to the gym. He's real happy a lot of the questions about him have been answered, but what I really like is that after that performance, he was humble. Some fighters would be talking trash. He's talking reality. He knows he's only been a pro 18 months, and there's a lot more work to do."

Mind you, this is no ringing endorsement of Ray Mercer as future heavyweight champion. I doubt that. For now. There was one element of his performance against Cooper that I didn't like: his punching power. Cooper had been stopped by heavyweights from Carl Williams to George Foreman, and had been beaten silly by cruiserweights.

Of course, that may have been explained not by his lack of chin or guts, but by his addictions to drugs and alcohol. Whatever, the Bert Cooper who fought Mercer wouldn't go down again after falling in the first round. At one point, Roberts turned to promoter Bob Arum and asked, "What's keeping him up?" Maybe he didn't want to hear the answer.

In Mercer, junior welterweight Charles Murray, and cruiserweight Alfred Cole, Roberts has an almost-$2-million investment. If there's going to be any return, it's going to have to come from the heavyweight.

Mercer doesn't have to go all the way, either. Gerry Cooney made more money than 99 percent of the world champions in history. And it wasn't simply because he was white. If I had to venture a guess on the guy who was second on the list of money-winners without a world title, I'd say England's Frank Bruno. Nationalism pays dividends, and in Korea, Mercer, a sergeant, had them singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

With the top heavyweights to be occupied among themselves for the next year or two, don't be surprised if we see that rarity—two young contenders meeting each other. There is not a more natural matchup than Mercer vs. Bowe. They were roommates in Seoul, but they are hardly soulmates.

"I don't care to discuss Riddick Bowe," said Mercer coldly. "We were alright in Korea, but he's lied about my age, said I was 32, put me down. When it's time to fight, we'll fight. My man can use a little more heart and a little less mouth. When he gets hit, he folds up. I know that."

Them's fighting words. Mercer has earned the right to speak the language. ■

RYAN

OUT LOUD

YOU GUYS BUG ME

By Jeff Ryan

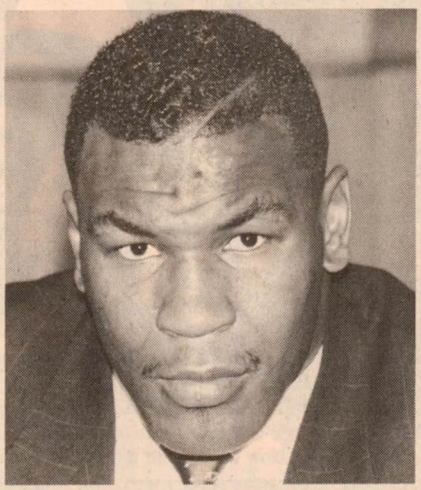
Occasionally, I do get to read one of the 13 magazines that crowd their way into my mailbox every month. Particularly enjoyable was Mike Lupica's column in the September *Esquire,* a salute to the 10 most annoying people in sports. It got me to wondering just who are the 10 most annoying people in boxing. Could the list even be trimmed to only 10? Well, here goes.

1) Don King: Only in America? No, only in *boxing* could King get away with staging a phony tournament (as he did with the U.S. Boxing Championships in 1977) and still be on a throne of power 13 years later. King's attempt to save Mike Tyson's title in Tokyo was despicable, and had it succeeded, he might have accomplished what he failed to in 1977: damage boxing irreparably. No wonder venerable publicist Irving Rudd says of King, "He's a good argument for birth control."

For someone who cries prejudice when something doesn't go his way, King sure loves to interject racial overtones into so many situations. He considers himself a stand-up guy, but he must be talking about his hair. King ducks phone calls better than Pernell Whitaker ducks left hooks.

I'll never forget the last time I was able to corner King and speak to him in person. I asked him his reaction to the lawsuit Tim Witherspoon was filing against him. His response: "Why would a nice, young, educated white man like you be asking me a question like that?"

2) Mike Tyson: Why is Tyson so annoying? That question is much too long to answer here, so I'll just list some of the quotes uttered by a fighter the press used to routinely describe as *intelligent:* "I like to drive his nose bone into his brain . . . How dare they challenge me with their primitive skills? . . . I guess I'm the first modern-day slave in 100 years . . . I don't know what kind of doctor I am. But watching all these beautiful sisters here, I'm debating whether I should be a gynecologist." Well, Mike, being a brain surgeon sure seems out of the question.



Former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson: Maybe he should do *all* of his talking with his fists.

3) Dan Duva: Boxing's ultimate sore loser must think that his eye for talent is so keen that all of his fighters should go undefeated. When Mark Breland, Tyrell Biggs, Frankie Warren, or Meldrick Taylor lost, it wasn't because they were beaten, but rather because the forces of evil conspired against the Duva family. Right, Dan?

Duva's idea of dialogue at a post-fight press conference is to shout down any reporter whose question is not to his liking. He does more lecturing in a year than Henry Kissinger on the college circuit. Is it just a coincidence that whenever a Duva fighter loses—and sometimes even when one wins—either Dan, his wife Kathy, his father Lou, or his brother Dino, are involved in a screaming match and/or fistfight with someone?

4) Bob Arum: It's impossible to believe anything that comes out of the mouth of a man who once said, "Yesterday I was lying, today I'm telling the truth." Moreso than anyone else, Arum confronts particular issues by taking whatever stance best suits his needs, even if it contradicts a previous stance. Hypocrisy? Nah. Consider it selective mind-changing.

Arum passionately hates Don King, but literally embraced him when their partnership seemed like a good way to try and run Mirage hotel owner Steve Wynn out of the fight biz. When he was writing a weekly boxing column for the *Las Vegas Sun* (the equivalent of handing a live microphone to Andrew Dice Clay), Arum defended the judges who rendered the worst decision of the '80s: Jose Luis Ramirez W 12 Pernell Whitaker. Would it surprise you to learn that Whitaker's manager, Shelly Finkel, is an Arum enemy?

Said Ferdie Pacheco of the man who once promoted Evel Knievel's sky cycle plunge into the Snake River Canyon: "Yeah, Arum is so concerned with everybody's safety, but if it's in his best interests, he'll put some poor son-of-a-bitch in a tin can and shoot him over a canyon."

5) Roberto Duran: Say hello to boxing's premier ripoff artist. In 1980, Duran said, *"No mas,"* but, unfortu-

nately, the public didn't. Nine years later, amnesiacs worldwide were shelling out more money and chanting the name of the guy who'd already screwed them before. And what happened? A used-up Duran went through the motions against Sugar Ray Leonard, fighting far less in 12 rounds than he did the night he quit in eight.

Of course, if "Reflexes of Stone" fights again, the saps will once more race each other to the box office. "Duran is Duran," his fans like to say. Yeah, and Capone was Capone.

6) Hector Camacho: The Not-So-Macho Man was exposed as the fraud he is with one left hook from Edwin Rosario in 1986. Since then, Camacho has logged more miles on his bicycle than Greg LeMond. He barely eked out a split decision against a Ray Mancini who hadn't fought in four years, and finished an expectedly easy fight against Vinny Pazienza by being hammered on the ropes. In August, he outsped crude Tony Baltazar, and the critics talked as though Sugar Ray Robinson had come back from the grave.

Undefeated Hector "Macho" Camacho: A knockout as boxing's fashion plate, but not as a fighter.

The truth is, Camacho hasn't kayoed a world-class foe in five years, and has been riding on his past achievements the way a rodeo cowboy clings to a bucking bronco. If he ever does face Julio Cesar Chavez, Camacho won't just fall off his high horse, he'll probably be trampled by it, as well.

7) Network TV executives: Someone should get all these guys together for a golf tournament and call it The *Thin* Skins Game. They're all grouped together here because with their Armani shirts, $80 haircuts, and penchant for fine *whine,* they all look and sound like the same guy.

If a fight turns out to be Armageddon, these guys can't dial the phone fast enough to take credit for their foresight. But if they air a stinker, it's "Hey, don't blame me. That was the only fight offered to us for that date." Or, "The promoter didn't tell us that Balboa was overtrained and that Creed had a bad hand." Or, "Hey, it drew good Nielsen numbers in Boise, so it couldn't have been *that* bad." Or, "Sorry, can't talk now."

8) Marlon Starling: The amount of friends "The Magic Man" has made in boxing throughout his career can be counted on the fingers of two thumbless gloves. He's only slightly less abrasive than an SOS soap pad, and the chip on his shoulder looks like it was once a part of Stonehenge.

Last year, in his hometown of Hartford, Starling fought Yung Kil Chung. The fight was billed as "The Homecoming," and Starling helped set the festive tone by telling *The Hartford Courant,* "What do I have to be proud of in Hartford? If there was a big difference in money fighting here or somewhere else, believe me, I wouldn't be fighting in Hartford."

Starling reached a new low last year when he fired classy trainer Eddie Futch, then spurned Futch's attempt to shake hands when they later crossed paths at a press conference. Poor Moochie. He can't understand why he's not on a magazine cover on a regular basis. Call him or sit down with him and he'll spend a half-hour demanding an explanation.

Here's an explanation in 25 words: Might the fact that you haven't been in a good fight—except with reporters—in the past 11 years have something to do with it?

9) Mills Lane: Too many articles describing tough guy Lane, the full-time D.A. and part-time referee, have gone to his bald head. One day we expect to see him show up for work with a blackjack in his pocket and a pack of cigarettes rolled up in his shirt sleeve.

As a disciplinarian, Lane rates somewhere between a Catholic school nun and a Turkish prison guard. The problem is, his urge to grandstand is just as strong as his need to gain control of a fight. In 1982, he penalized Gerry Cooney a ridiculous *three* points for hitting Larry Holmes low. Had the fight gone to a decision, Lane, and not the fighters, would have decided the outcome. While breaking a clinch between Marlon Starling and Maurice Blocker in August, Lane looked like he was roughing up a couple of punks he caught ransacking his bedroom.

But when some real muscle was needed—specifically, when Thomas Hearns locked James Kinchen in an eternal clinch after rising from a knockdown—the ref floundered about helplessly, looking like a gnat trying to separate two pit bulls.

10) Hy Simon: Talk about ringside photographers who have a problem with their exposure. During round one of the Michael Moorer-Leslie Stewart fight last year, Simon leaned on the ring apron to shoot. His baggy pants headed south, and a whole lot of people in the front row wish they'd been sitting in the cheap seats. Boxing may be in the forefront as far as drug testing goes, but as long as Simon and his baggy pants are around, the sport has an awfully big crack problem on its hands. ■

Hy Simon: His film is always perfect, but sometimes *he's* overexposed at ringside.

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FRANCISCO ARREOLA

Featherweight

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1986

Feb. 13	Gabriel Garcia, Hammond, IN	W 4
March 21	Lester Young, Chicago	W 6
April 6	John Boyd, Chicago	KO 5
May 20	Dirk Acklin, Chicago	W 4
Sept. 12	Jesus Muniz, Chicago	W 10
Dec. 13	Jeff Silva, Sterling, IL	D 10

1987

March 13	Loris Stecca, Forli, Italy	D 8
June 12	Maurizio Stecca, Fort Village, Italy	L 10
Sept. 22	Don Brockington, Leesburg, FL	KO 5
Oct. 22	Edgar Muniz, Tampa	W 8
Dec. 10	Richard Campbell, Innisbrook, FL	W 8

1988

Jan. 13	Eddie Richardson, Daytona Beach	W 8
April 9	Ron Thomas, Joplin, MO	W 8
June 4	Joe Weber, Ft. Myers, FL	KO 3
Oct. 5	Antonio Carter, Orlando, FL	W 8
Dec. 27	John Vaccarella, Ft. Myers	KO 2

1989

April 8	Sonny Long, Jacksonville	W 8
June 2	Jose Soto, Jacksonville	W 10
July 7	Henry Urcuyo, Jacksonville	KO 2
Aug. 4	Ed Pollard, Jacksonville	W 10

1990

May 25	Tim Tipton, Bloomington, IL	W 12
July 13	Amos Cowart, Jacksonville	W 12

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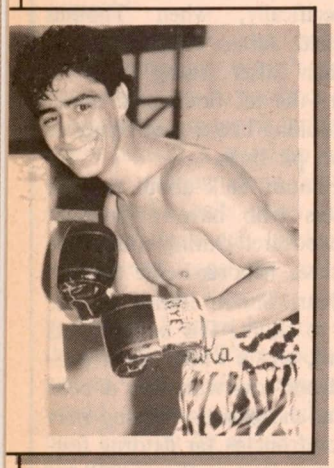


By Ken Knox

When Frisco Arreola showed up in Catskill, New York, to help Vinny Pazienza prepare for his fight against Hector Camacho, everyone wondered, "Who's the bookworm?"

A casual glance seems to warrant the description. Arreola does not look like someone who was the bully on the block in his old neighborhood in Guadalajara, Mexico. He is an articulate, soft-spoken, bespectacled 23-year-old who works part-time while majoring in mass communications at Hillsborough Community College. He wants to be a boxing analyst, and, oh yeah, he boxes some.

Strip him to a pair of boxing shorts, cover his head with a glittering sombrero, and you have "El Tigre," a southpaw featherweight who is looking for the connections to place him in world title contention.

Arreola offers lightning-fast hands, good lateral movement, natural instincts, and intelligence. His style and skills set him apart from the stereotypical Mexican pressure fighter, but there is more that catches the attention of fans. The first is his nickname, which was bestowed on him, indirectly, by New York Athletic Commission Chairman Randy Gordon. While working as a boxing analyst, Gordon called Frisco's third pro fight. "I was wearing tiger-stripe trunks at the time," says Arreola, who is fascinated by tigers. "Randy said that a tiger is real peaceful, but if he's cornered or bothered, he gets real mean. He said I fought like a cornered tiger. I like the name, but decided to go with 'El Tigre' because it's a little bit different."

Another trademark: Arreola never enters the ring without his sombrero, which is a festival hat worn by the cowboys in the part of Mexico where he was born. "I wear it

because I want people to know I'm proud of the region I'm from," he explains.

Frisco began boxing in the dusty streets of Guadalajara.

"Every Sunday, they would match up two kids to fight," he said. "It was like a block party, and I usually won. I was always the bully then and I was very aggressive."

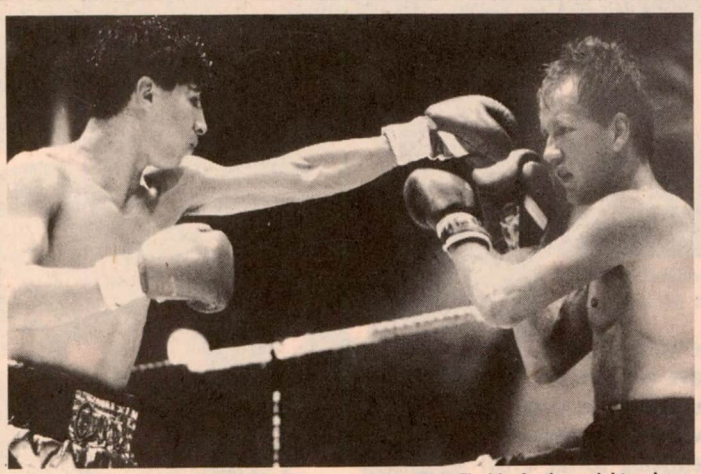
He was nine years old when he moved with his parents to Bloomington, Illinois. He was soon fighting again, but this time it was in self-defense.

"When we moved to the States, I had a language problem and the kids made fun of me, the way I talked," he said. "I went from being a bully to being picked on every day. Because of that, I was in a fight just about every day. Finally, my principal told me that he'd either kick me out of school or I had to go to training."

Arreola started training at the Western Avenue Community Center under the tutelage of Jack Whittinghill.

The featherweight has managed to prosper despite having been twice overmatched early in his pro career. He was 5-0-1 when he fought former 122-pound champion Loris Stecca in Italy in March 1987. Stecca was 44-2-1 and ranked third by the WBA, but Arreola held him to a draw. Three months later, he returned to Italy to meet Loris' brother, 1984 Olympic gold medalist Maurizio Stecca, who was 24-0 and ranked sixth by the IBF. Arreola lost at 10-round decision.

After relocating in Florida, Arreola's career was advancing until his August 1989 battle vs. rugged Eddie Pollard. He won a unanimous decision, but struggled over the last seven rounds after slipping to the canvas in the third and feeling a sharp pain in his right leg.



Arreola's skills overwhelmed Tim Tipton in May. The Florida featherweight, whose speed has been compared to Hector Camacho's, is trying to improve his power.

"It was hard to keep my composure because my mobility was restricted and the pain was really bad," he said.

The injury was diagnosed as torn cartilage in his knee. In October, an operation was performed to remove the loose cartilage. He tried to go right back to the gym because he was to fight Troy Dorsey in November, but he came to realize that he couldn't go through with the fight, at least not the way he wanted to do it.

"Every time I step into the ring, I give 100 percent," he said. "After the surgery, I told [then] handler Augie Rodriguez, 'It's not gonna happen.' He was upset, but told me it was okay. But he told other people that he was disappointed with me and that I had chickened out.

Arreola decisioned Ed Pollard in August 1989, but tore cartilage in his right knee in round three. The injury cost him a bout with contender Troy Dorsey.

"That hurt me because I take a lot of pride in my profession and I always put out all that I have. I tried like hell to get in shape for the Dorsey fight, but my right leg was still weak, and it only set me back more."

It was in December 1989 that things seemed blackest. Then came a phone call from the Pazienza camp. Pazienza's handlers were looking for someone who shared Camacho's ring traits. Enter "The Bookworm."

Arreola, still healing and without a manager or trainer, saw an opportunity to get some needed work and make some needed money. He got both as Pazienza's chief sparring partner under the eye of Kevin Rooney.

"He's small and good-natured, but he's also a tough kid who's real competitive and has a real professional attitude," Rooney said of Arreola. "He's a slick fighter and mover. He can throw punches with bad intentions, but he's got to work on being mean; he's got to look to hurt somebody."

Although Arreola can take a punch, his opponents find it difficult to land a clean shot. Frisco prefers to strike quickly, then move away to avoid his foe's counterpunches and set himself to deliver another combination.

"I've always liked to stay away from punches," he said, "and I really enjoy it when I hear the people go *oooh* when I get out of the way of a big punch just before it's about to land."

Arreola is working to improve his power. He displayed pop in July, when he won the Florida featherweight title with a 12-round whipping of Amos Cowart. He complemented his trademark lateral movement and hand speed with big shots that floored Cowart four times en route to a convincing win.

"I have a lot of goals, but my first is to become world champion, and I have no doubt that I will be a world champion," Arreola says earnestly and without a hint of boastfulness. "Then I want to unify the title and eventually move up to lightweight.

"I want people to know that Frisco Arreola will become a household name as one of the best featherweights ever." ■

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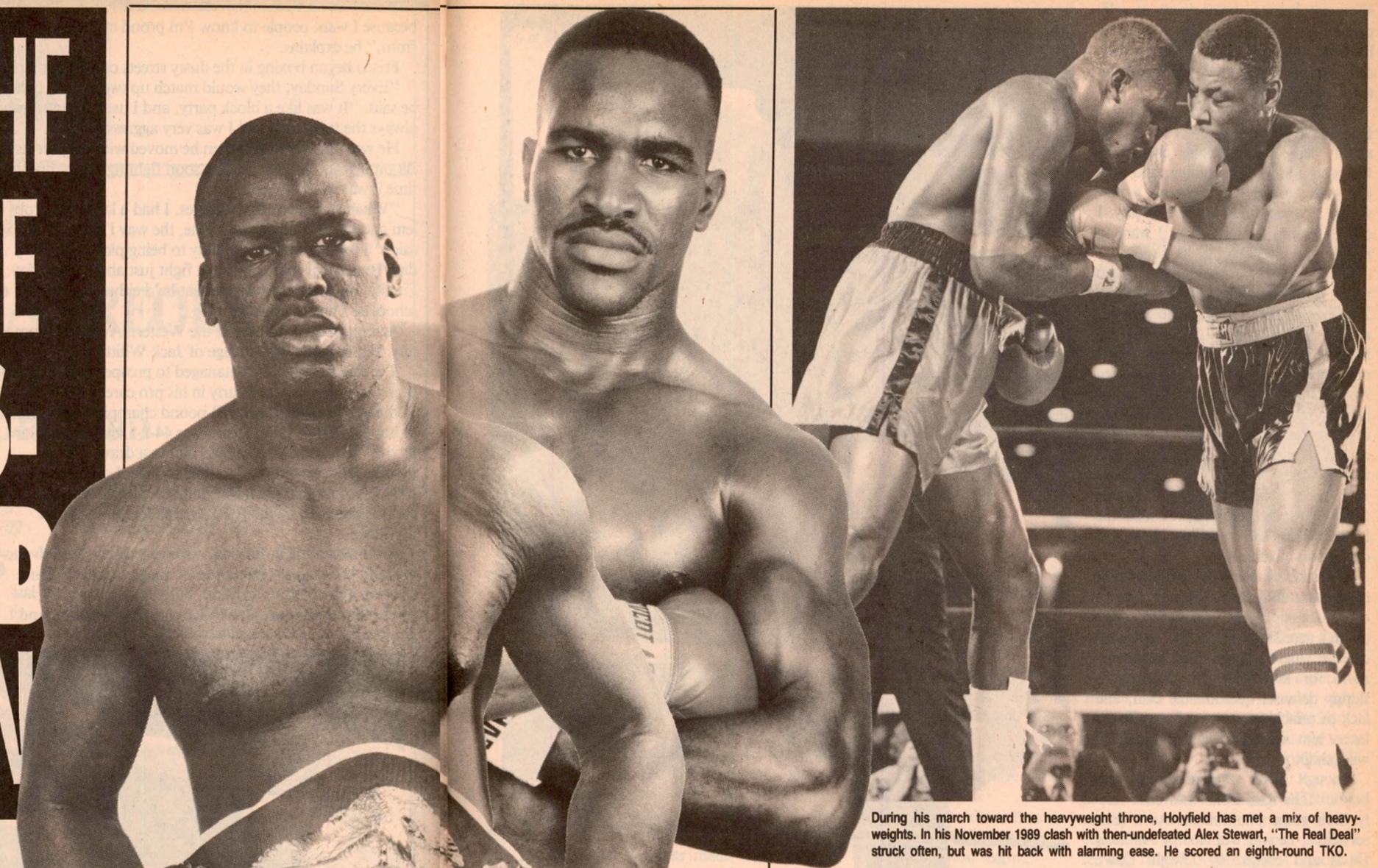
EXPLODING THE MYTHS OF THE DOUGLAS-HOLYFIELD SHOWDOWN



During his march toward the heavyweight throne, Holyfield has met a mix of heavyweights. In his November 1989 clash with then-undefeated Alex Stewart, "The Real Deal" struck often, but was hit back with alarming ease. He scored an eighth-round TKO.

By Jeff Ryan

The popular belief is that Buster Douglas, heavyweight champion, conqueror of the invincible Mike Tyson, and owner of the sneakiest right hand Columbus, Ohio, has seen since Woody Hayes' final tantrum on the Ohio State sidelines, blew it. For the past eight months, instead of fretting over who would promote his future, Douglas should have been busy promoting his present. He should have been doing more things like refereeing Hulk Hogan's prime-time wrestling matches and less things like sitting in courtrooms and resembling The Ultimate Worrier.

According to the cognoscenti, Douglas should have squeezed his three title belts like wet washcloths, trying to ring as much publicity out of them as he could. Instead of cutting an imposing figure on the witness stand, he should have been cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of a few shopping centers. Instead of testifying to the evils of Don King, he should have been testifying to the reliability of a Plymouth Sundance.

Heck, if he had had time, he might have even considered screeching the National Anthem and grabbing his crotch at a San Diego Padres game. (Hey, even *bad* publicity is publicity.)

The idea that Douglas should have hired himself a p.r. firm and used it as a milking machine stems, of course, from the widespread belief that he is holding those title belts the way that a hotel lobby in Edmonton is loaned the Stanley Cup to display for a day or two. Enjoy it, Buster, but be prepared to fork it over. You are, after all, just a footnote to history, an aberration, a Schmeling catching a Louis on a bad night, a wind-blown popup that turns into a three-run homer.

Poor Douglas hadn't even opened his little bag of peanuts on the flight home from Tokyo when he was already listed as a 2-1 underdog for a proposed defense against number-one contender Evander Holyfield. For a Tyson rematch, *USA Today's* Danny Sheridan made Douglas a *10-1* underdog. The oddsmakers seemed to be telling the new champ that if he *really* thought he could hold down this job for a long time, he better head straight from Johnny Carson's couch to an analyst's. Such delusions of grandeur could be dangerous.

Why so much skepticism? Is it because no one can believe that Douglas is the new baddest man on the planet? Or that *he* is the guy who didn't just dare—with his primitive skills—to challenge Tyson, but to beat him, too? Or that the heavyweight king is someone with four losses on his record and a name like *Buster*?

Probably all of the above. But the biggest reason that Douglas still hasn't gotten some r-e-s-p-e-c-t is because most experts have convinced themselves that the man who beat Tyson in February was Tyson, and that Iron Mike's being out of shape, distracted, and unmotivated did more to remove him from the throne than Douglas' jab and combinations ever could.

Overlooked is the fact that Douglas got himself into peak condition, fully utilized his physical advantages, executed the perfect fight plan, and never bothered to read the newspapers that had forecast his destruction. Would Carl Williams or Frank Bruno or Michael Spinks have beaten a subpar Tyson that night? The answer is no.

We underestimated big old Buster in Tokyo. It's been said that if we don't learn from our mistakes, we're doomed to repeat them. That's worth keeping in mind when the champion makes his first defense, against Holyfield at The Mirage in Las Vegas on October 25.

While everyone has been wondering why Douglas hasn't capitalized on his lofty position in recent months, his answer is, "What's the rush?" Douglas vanished from public view and immersed himself in the court battle with

King not because he is inept at self-promotion, but because the identity of his future promoter was his major concern. As he sees it, there's going to be a lot of promoting to do.

"I've always been dedicated," Douglas says. "But now I'm excited about being heavyweight champion. It's been a long time coming, and now I'm going to enjoy it. There's a new sheriff in town, and I'm here to stay. I can be champ for as long as I want to be."

Or, at the very least, long enough to make a second defense. On October 25, Douglas will *not* join Bob Fitzsimmons, Marvin Hart, Jack Sharkey, Max Baer, James J. Braddock, Ingemar Johansson, Leon Spinks, and Ken Norton on that inglorious list of heavyweight kings who were dethroned in their first defenses, but will win a comfortable unanimous decision. He'll win because, over the course of those 12 rounds, he'll—BOOM!—explode four myths that have surrounded the Douglas-Holyfield matchup from the day it was finalized.

Myth #1: A brawl is to Holyfield's advantage: BOOM! Just because a chessmatch favors Douglas, that doesn't necessarily mean that an undisciplined slugfest is the ideal battle scenario for Holyfield. The challenger's sloppy defense, questionable chin, and lack of punching power at heavyweight leave him extremely vulnerable in a wild shootout.

Though never floored in 24 pro bouts, "The Real Deal" has been really dealt some punishment. As a cruiserweight, he was wobbled by Anthony Davis and rocked by Dwight Qawi, and as a heavyweight, he's been staggered by Alex Stewart and hit solidly by everyone from Seamus McDonagh to Adilson Rodrigues. And though he was once a feared bomber at 190 pounds, Holyfield has scored only two clean kayos in six heavyweight outings.

Douglas, on the other hand, possesses both above-average defensive skills and a strong chin. Two of the three kayos he's suffered—against Mike "The Giant" White and Tony Tucker—have been the result of a lack of stamina, not an inability to absorb punishment. (The other, against David Bey, came in Douglas' sixth pro bout.) Douglas, don't forget, withstood the crippling punches of Tyson, and even rose with a clear head when he was leveled by a pulverizing uppercut in the eighth round.

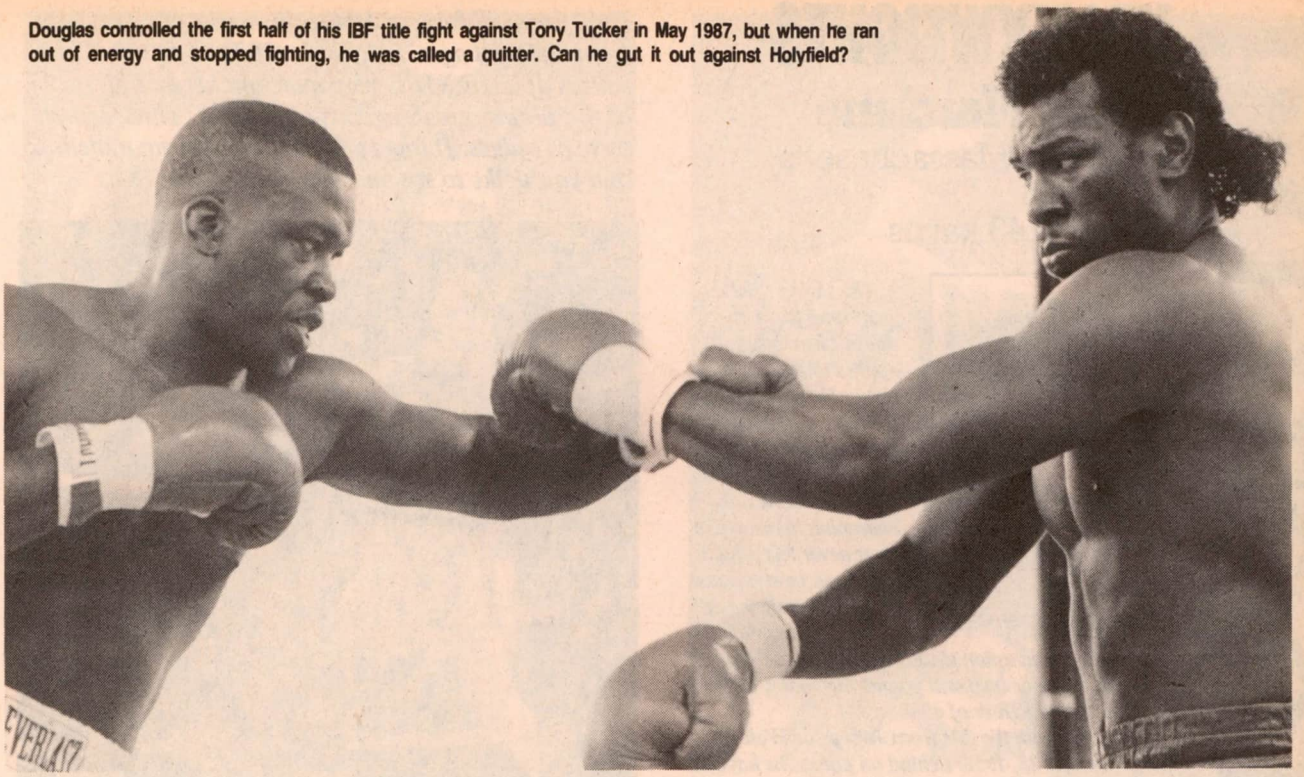
"I don't see it turning into a brawl, because a technician like Douglas won't brawl with a smaller man," says Eddie Futch, who's widely regarded as boxing's premier trainer. "But if it is a brawl, what could Holyfield bring to it that would make a difference? Would he hit harder than Douglas or punch faster? No. Would he be superior on the inside? Of course not. Douglas was even better than *Tyson* on the inside."

War! What is it good for? In Holyfield's case, absolutely nothing.

Myth #2: Douglas will be hindered by his eight-month layoff: BOOM! Should Douglas have taken a tuneup, as Holyfield did against McDonagh? No. After 10 tough rounds with Tyson, Douglas benefited more from a good rest over the spring and summer than he would have from a defense against the likes of a Francesco Damiani or Renaldo Snipes. The champion will enter this bout with his confidence level at its apex, having registered the greatest upset in the sport's history in his previous outing.

Looking at Douglas in late-July, it was obvious that the champion had been more concerned in previous months with the scales of justice than the scale in his own bathroom. But Douglas understands the discipline required to remain champion. By fight night, he will have had nine weeks to train, and can be expected to be in the

When a wobbly Douglas rose from an eighth-round knockdown during his Tokyo title fight with Mike Tyson, he convinced some, but not all, observers that he had sufficient heart and courage.



Douglas controlled the first half of his IBF title fight against Tony Tucker in May 1987, but when he ran out of energy and stopped fighting, he was called a quitter. Can he gut it out against Holyfield?

same condition he was for Tyson.

Remember that when the fighters take off their robes. Holyfield's physique seems to have been sculpted with a chisel, while Douglas' seems to have been spread around with a putty knife. But if a body alone could win fights, Jamie Lee Curtis would reign longer than Joe Louis.

Myth #3: Douglas, who is taking the fight only because Holyfield is the mandatory contender, is really looking ahead to a Tyson rematch: BOOM! What's forgotten by those advancing this theory is that *Douglas* made the decision to defend first against Holyfield. And no, his arm wasn't being twisted. Though a mandatory defense against Holyfield was required, had Douglas announced his intention to fight Tyson in a rematch (one that could be expected to be the richest fight in history), you can bet the IBF, WBA, and WBC wouldn't all have stripped Douglas of their crowns. Not with the largest sanctioning fees in history at stake, they wouldn't have.

"It's a dream fight for me," Douglas said, explaining why he asked Holyfield to the big dance. "I've always wanted to fight Evander because everybody in the press always thought highly of Evander. He's on the same skill level with Tyson. Holyfield was always someone special."

Does this sound like a man who's looking beyond October 25?

Myth #4: When the going gets tough, Douglas will get going—back to his corner to surrender: BOOM! The champion remains haunted by one fight, his 1987 stoppage loss to Tucker in a battle for the then-vacant IBF crown. Douglas utilized his superb jab to build an early lead, but began tiring badly by the seventh round, and basically stopped fighting after the eighth. He was being pounded on the ropes when he was rescued by referee Mills Lane in the 10th.

"It got to the point where I said, 'F____ it, this isn't worth it,' " Douglas said. "I just quit, you know."

It was a performance that still has many observers questioning his courage. Even the normally reserved Holyfield says, "When it comes down to the clinches, I feel that deep down inside I can make Buster quit."

Is Douglas really likely to surrender if he can't establish his jab, or if he finds himself having to peer through a flow of blood, or if he feels his legs being reduced to rubber by a fierce body attack? Don't count on it.

The evidence seems to indicate that the Douglas of '87 bears little resemblance to the Douglas of '90. The champion, after all, had plenty of opportunities to give up against Tyson. The first was in the dressing room before the fight, when Douglas' mind was filled with thoughts of what had taken place in the past few months of his life, thoughts of his mother's death, his breakup with his wife, and the mother of his son being stricken with leukemia. The second opportunity, and the one few would have blamed him for seizing, followed that titanic Tyson uppercut in round eight.

"He got up from a hell of a punch, and in the next round he went right after Tyson," says Larry Merchant, who worked both Douglas-Tucker and Douglas-Tyson for HBO. "Douglas wasn't intimidated by being knocked down. The notion of being a quitter is usually associated with someone who's intimidated and won't go on. I didn't see that from Douglas against Tyson. I think the mention of him being a quitter is prefight bull."

So just who is our heavyweight champion? An enigma, to be sure. A fighter who has shown both cowardice and bravery, superb physical conditioning and a complete lack of discipline. A fighter who has lost to Mike White and manhandled Mike Tyson. But a fighter who, when he is focused, possesses the division's best jab, exceptional speed, and a defense good enough to get him through the rocky moments. (And, as we saw in February, even help provide him with a few *Rocky* moments, as well.)

He's not Superman, not one of the all-time greats, maybe not even a long-term tenant on the throne. He's only Buster Douglas.

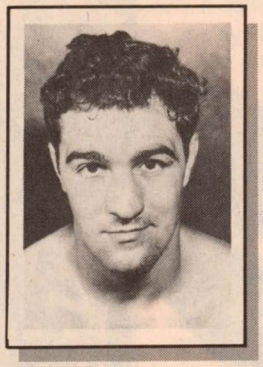
But amid the bonzai trees in Tokyo, that was enough. Under the palms in Vegas, it should be, too. ■

BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Rocky Marciano

Brockton, Massachusetts
1947-1955
49-0 with 43 kayos

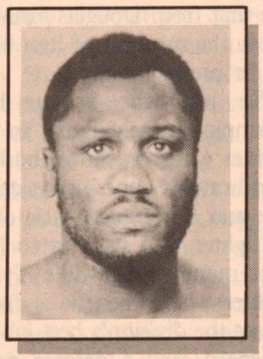


The saying "the great ones leave no doubt" certainly still applies to Rocky Marciano. None of "The Rock's" opponents ever disputed who was the better man. In fact, Marciano is the only champion in history to have never lost a fight. Although he stood just 5'10" and weighed 185 pounds—the smallest heavyweight champion since Tommy Burns—he was arguably inch-for-inch and pound-for-pound the hardest-hitting fighter of all time.

Marciano won the title from Jersey Joe Walcott on September 23, 1952. Behind on points, he kayoed Walcott in the 13th round with the most famous knockout punch in history. He defended the crown six times, and in 1956, shortly after his ninth-round kayo of then-light heavyweight champion Archie Moore, retired at the age of 32. Unlike most champions, Marciano resisted comeback offers and enjoyed retirement. He died in a plane crash on August 31, 1969, at age 45.

Joe Frazier

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1965-1976; 1981
32-4-1 with 27 kayos



Joe Frazier was the prototypical Philadelphia fighter. He knew only one direction—forward. He was relentless, bobbing and weaving and digging hooks to the body, then finishing his foes with still more hooks to the chin.

In March 1968, Frazier stopped Buster Mathis in 11 rounds to win the New York State-recognized world title, and in February 1970, he TKO'd Jimmy Ellis in five to gain recognition as the undisputed champion. His biggest win came on March 7, 1971, when he decisioned Muhammad Ali in a bout simply billed as "The Fight."

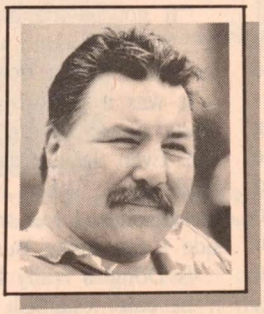
Frazier defended the title four times before being stopped in two rounds by George Foreman in January 1973. He fought Ali twice more, losing by 12-round decision in 1974 and by 14th-round stoppage in the "Thrilla in Manila" in 1975. He remains among the most popular champions in ring history.

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions from different ages. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us

Two of Frazier's wars came against Oscar Bonavena. In the 10th round of their second fight (above), Frazier connects with his devastating left.

GEORGE CHUVALO

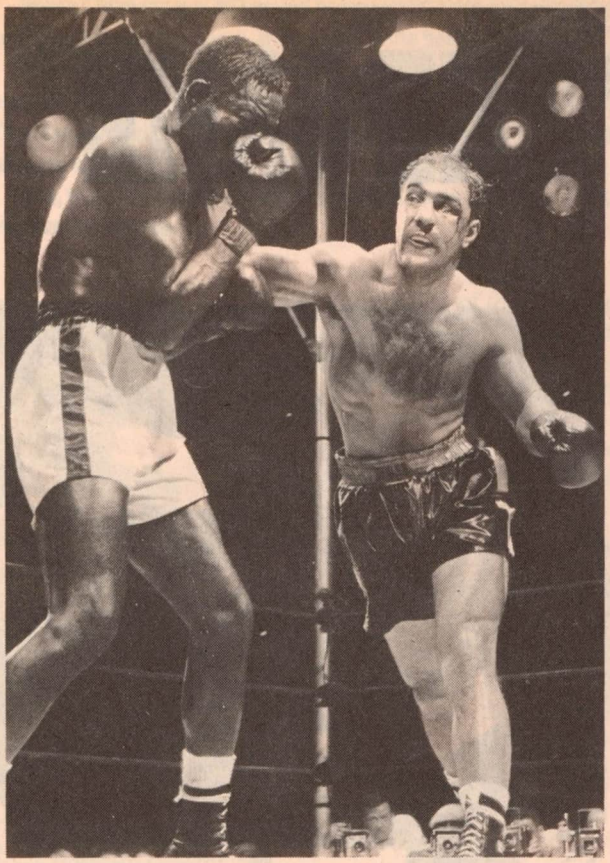
The Frazier that beat Ali against the Marciano that beat Walcott, my God! Except for when they touch gloves after the referee's instructions, there wouldn't be a jab thrown in the entire fight. Joe would come in weighing 205, so he'd have about 20 pounds on The Rock. Joe would be throwing his left hook all night. He was basically a one-handed fighter. He'd throw the right just to keep Rocky honest. Because Rocky fought out of that crouch, it would be difficult for Frazier to score. Both guys would be landing bombs. Rocky's best bet would be to try and nail Frazier with uppercuts. Each man would have to suck it up more than once. They'd both have their moments.



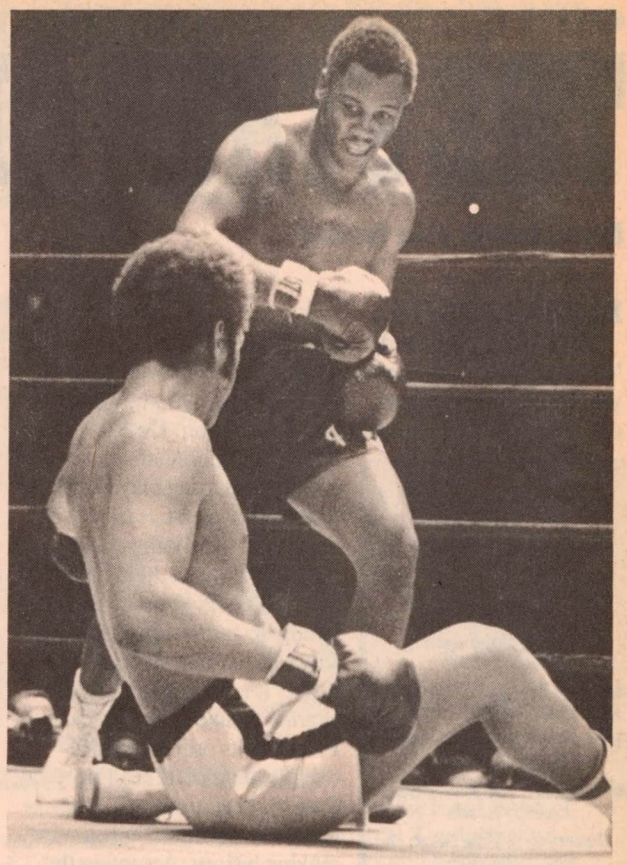
The biggest difference would be size. Frazier went up against bigger men. And the only one that hurt him was George Foreman. And Foreman had 20 pounds on Joe, which would have been 40 on Marciano! Because of that, I think that Frazier would be able to stand up under Rocky's punches. As good as Rocky was, he never fought anyone who threw the volume of punches that Joe did. I can't take nothing away from Rocky; he never lost.

Most guys that tried to slug with Frazier didn't last five rounds. But because Rocky was so tough, it would take Joe at least 12 rounds to stop him.

George Chuvalo, who was stopped by Frazier in 1967, was a world-class contender in the 1960s. He now produces and hosts a boxing TV show in Toronto.



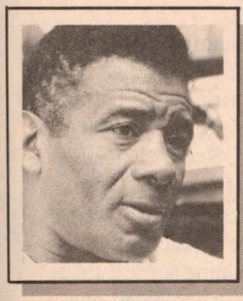
Marciano wallops former champion Ezzard Charles during their first title fight, which "The Rock" won by unanimous 15-round decision.



Frazier's power was on display at Madison Square Garden when he kayoed Jimmy Ellis to win universal recognition as heavyweight champion.

FLOYD PATTERSON

Frazier-Marciano would be one of the most exciting fights ever. They would both have to go forward. Neither could fight backing up. They both threw a lot of punches, they both had good power, and they both took very good punches. As far as avoiding punches, the fact that Frazier bobbed and weaved a lot more than Marciano would be in his favor. Frazier's size and natural strength would be to his advantage. He outweighed Marciano by 25 pounds. For instance, when I fought, I weighed 182, and I fought some guys who were 20 or 30 pounds heavier. I always felt their superior strength while fighting on the inside. So I tried to stay on the outside. Marciano did not know how to do this. He had to go forward in order to do his best. Frazier was the same way.



Both men always showed up in great shape. Their fight would be a toe-to-toe brawl. I see both men landing big shots in a very exciting, dramatic fight. I can't picture too many other matchups that would have had as much action as this one.

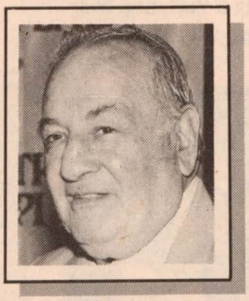
If there was going to be a knockout, which in my opinion would be unlikely, it would come in the latter rounds because they both had great endurance.

I think Joe would edge Marciano out over 15 rounds.

Floyd Patterson is a former two-time heavyweight champion. He currently trains his adopted son, world-rated junior featherweight Tracy Patterson.

AL BRAVERMAN

Ah, this would be some fight. You've got two hard hitters who were always on the attack. Marciano was a slugger; he couldn't change his style. He'd be winging overhand rights, crouching, staying low. He was a very difficult man to hit. Rocky's crouch was so low that if Frazier missed with one of those big left hooks, he'd be level with the canvas. Frazier would have to bring up an uppercut to really hit Rocky solid.



Joe Frazier was a great, great fighter. He'd have to bob and weave and try to get in close to Marciano in order to land a punch. And if he were close, Marciano would hit him. The fact that Frazier outweighed Marciano by almost 20 pounds wouldn't be a factor at all. Any guy over 175 pounds is a heavyweight. All you have to do is look at Jack Dempsey. He took on everyone in the world. He fought guys who were much heavier and knocked them out. And Marciano was one of the hardest one-punch peggers in the business.

I see a lot of action, with Frazier possibly hitting the deck around the 10th. But he'd get up and take it to Marciano. Frazier would still be coming in, and Marciano would be wearing him down, wearing him down.

He'd finally catch Frazier with an overhand right in the 14th or 15th.

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OUR EXCLUSIVE ANNUAL REPORT

THE STATE OF THE GAME

By Steve Farhood

Biagio Chianese is a 282-pound heavyweight from italy. Ala Villamor is a 105-pound strawweight from the Philippines. Both are prospects, and for our purposes, they serve as the bookends for our first annual division-by-division report on the state of boxing.

Chianese, Villamor, and hundreds of other fighters want their names entered in the 51 championship slots offered by the WBA, WBC, and IBF. This may be the first generation of boxing fans—and boxing writers—who can't easily name the roster of current world titlists. That, however, doesn't change the goal of every fighter. A world championship isn't what it used to be, but it remains a professional's ultimate achievement.

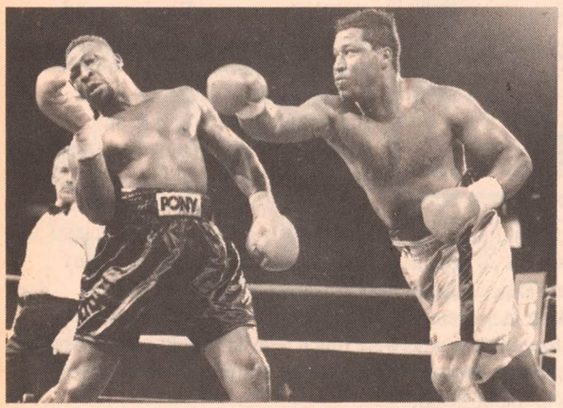
Here, then, is a division-by-division look at those who have titles, those who are close to taking them, and those who may never receive the chance.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

The '70s was a great decade for heavyweights, but the '80s wasn't for one simple reason: Mike Tyson was born 17 years after Larry Holmes. The birth of the '90s, however, offers a quartet of household names—Tyson, Douglas, Holyfield, and Foreman—and strong supporting players, including old standbys Carl Williams and Tim Witherspoon, peaking punchers Razor Ruddock and Alex Stewart, and young upstarts Lennox Lewis, Ray Mercer, and Riddick Bowe. It's the deepest cast of characters since *Dick Tracy*. Placed in its proper perspective, the division is healthier than it's been since Ali, Frazier, Foreman, and Norton were making history. Assuming the title doesn't become fractured, it will remain so.

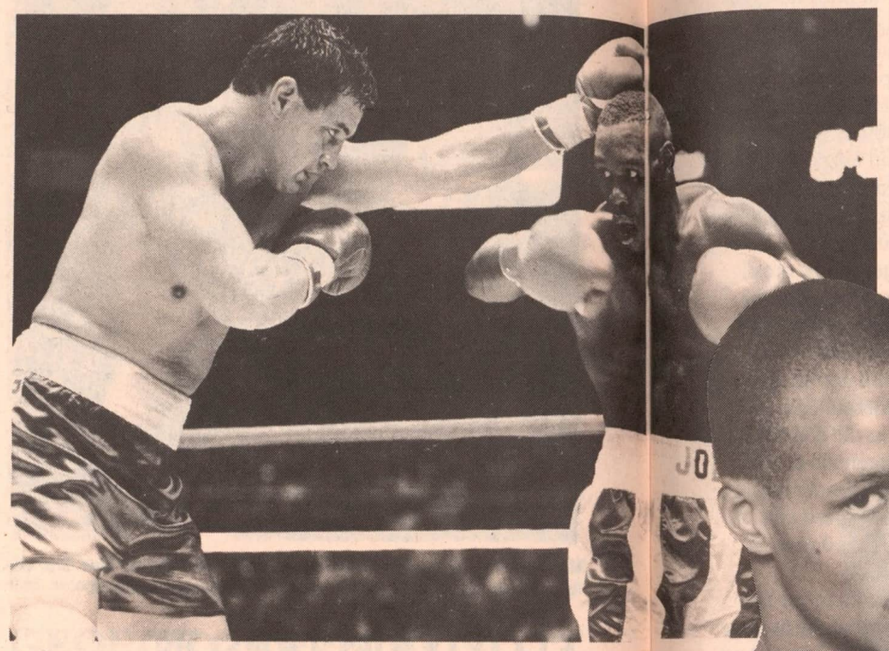
Best Puncher: *Mike Tyson*
Best Jab: *Carl Williams*
Most Protected: *George Foreman*
Favorite Opponent: *Dave Jaco*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Riddick Bowe-Ray Mercer*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *Biagio Chianese*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Lennox Lewis*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Razor Ruddock*
On The Way Down: *Renaldo Snipes*
Overrated: *Francesco Damiani*
Best Fight This Year: *Buster Douglas KO 10 Mike Tyson*

Unless the Douglas-Tyson shocker was meant to prepare us for a string of monumental upsets, the climax should be a battle between the suddenly human "Iron Mike" and the winner of Douglas-Holyfield. By that time, Ruddock will be demanding a shot, and Mercer will be ready for his final jump. Expect a lot of noise, both in the ring and out.



Ray Mercer swings for Bert Cooper

Think About It: Some fans are bemoaning the fact that the deserving **Razor Ruddock** will have a long wait before securing a try at the title. Hey, you can't have it both ways. If you want one champion per division, there are going to be one-third as many available title shots, and contenders like Ruddock are going to have to wait their turn. When there were eight divisions and one champion per division, fighters did it all the time.



Craig Bodzianowski challenges Robert Daniels

CRUISERWEIGHTS

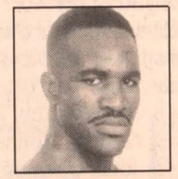
The first cruiserweight title fight ended in a draw. We should've gotten the hint. Leon Spinks was supposed to be a savior, but he could barely save himself. Carlos DeLeon kept losing to inferior fighters. (He's *still* losing to inferior fighters.) Evander Holyfield was the real deal, but the division was nothing but a springboard for his jump to heavyweight.

Best Puncher: *Jeff Lampkin*
Best Jab: *Robert Daniels*
Most Protected: *Richard Mason*
Favorite Opponent: *Tyrone Booze*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Jeff Lampkin-Robert Daniels*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *Henry Maske*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Robert Daniels*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Taoufik Balbouli*
On The Way Down: *Carlos DeLeon*
Overrated: *Glenn McCrory*
Best Fight This Year: *Bash Ali W 12 Patrick Lumumba*

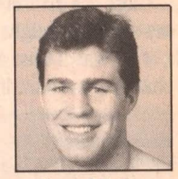
Today's champions offer little hope. Jeff Lampkin has lost 13 times. Massimiliano Duran won his crown by getting hit after the bell. Robert Daniels' last two title fights have been 12-round sleeping pills. Strange but true: The division's best chance of gaining some publicity would have come had one-legged Craig Bodzianowski upset Daniels in July.

This bastard division is a necessary entity. If you haven't given up hope, key on unbeaten Michael Moorer. Whether or not Moorer dethrones IBF light heavyweight champion Prince Charles Williams this fall, he will likely jump to 190. Moorer can punch, which, in this division, should immediately qualify him as a legend.

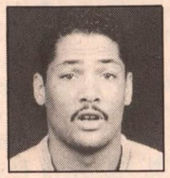
Think About It: Proof that **Evander Holyfield** is the only 190-pounder that has mattered in this division's pathetic 10½-year history: There have been 16 champions. Eliminate Holyfield and **Carlos DeLeon**, who has been good enough to win the title four times, but bad enough to lose it four times, and you have 14 champions who have made a *total* of nine successful defenses. Where have you gone **"Poison" Ivy Brown**?



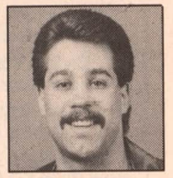
Evander Holyfield



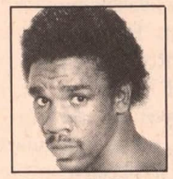
Glenn McCrory



Virgil Hill



Bobby Czyz



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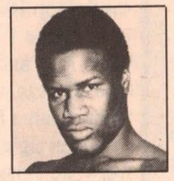
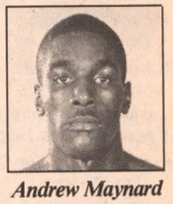
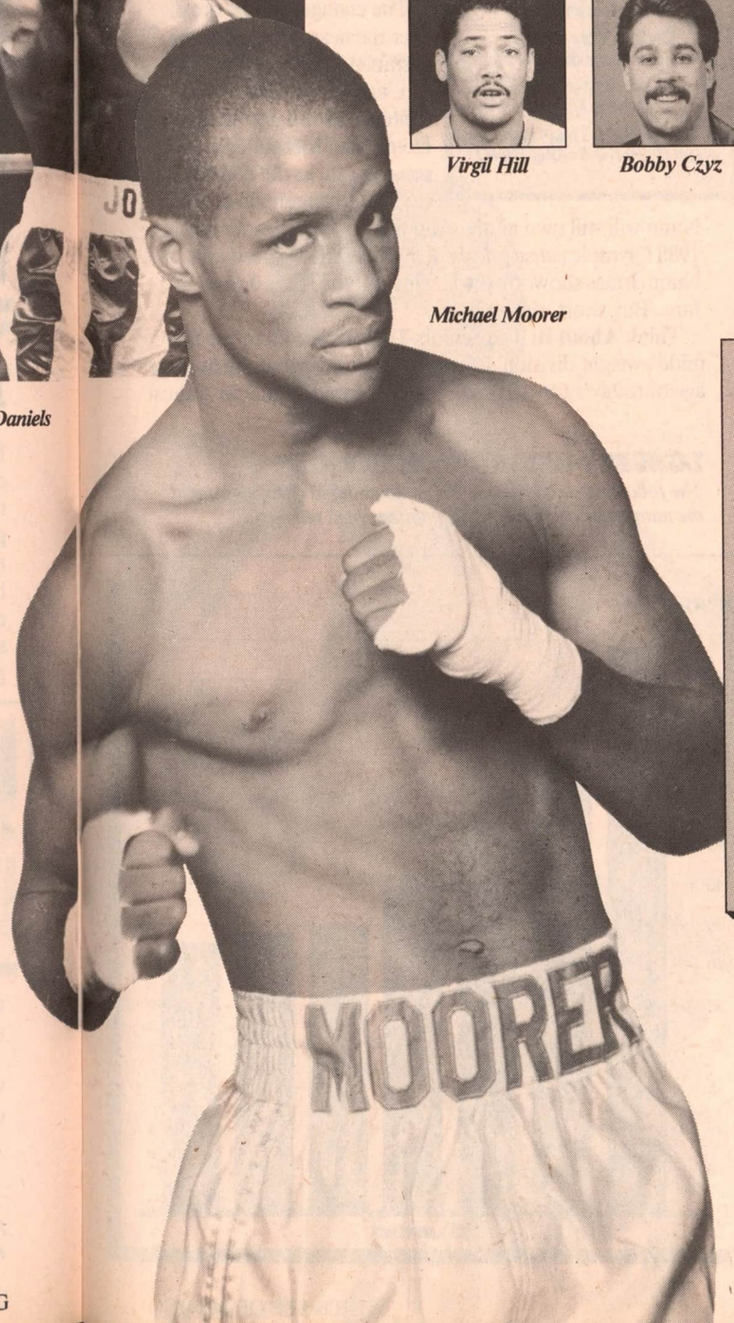


Dennis Andries



Andrew Maynard



Michael Moorer

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Months of rumors aside, you can be sure that Germany will be unified before the 175-pound title. That's because the division's top three fighters, Virgil Hill, and especially Prince Charles Williams and Michael Moorer, appeal only to hard-core fans. When champions need unification matches to become superstars, those matches are rarely made. Seven-figure purses are reserved for those who have already established themselves.

Best Puncher: *Michael Moorer*
Best Jab: *Virgil Hill*
Most Protected: *Guy Waters*
Favorite Opponent: *Keith McMurray*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Virgil Hill-Michael Moorer*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *Darrin Allen*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Rodrigo Benech*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Booker T. Word*
On The Way Down: *Leslie Stewart*
Overrated: *Eric Nicoletta*
Best Fight This Year: *Bobby Czyz W 10 Uriah Grant*

Williams and Moorer will soon clash in the most significant 175-pound battle since Leonard-Lalonde. If we're lucky, the winner will meet Hill. If we're not, Moorer will triumph and then jump to cruiserweight. Hill seems a marketable commodity and has benefited from consistent exposure on ABC. But he's in desperate need of competition, and a division that still depends of Bobby Czyz and Dennis Andries is terribly thin.

It may take the division two years to recover from the kayo losses of Anthony Hembrick and Andrew Maynard. The future crumbled over the course of 12 days. Williams-Moorer will be a step toward reconstruction.

Think About It: Unbeaten WBA champion **Virgil Hill** has already made nine title defenses. The number of successful defenses of some light heavyweight legends: **Billy Conn**—three; **John Henry Lewis**—five; **Tommy Loughran**—six; **Matthew Saad Muhammad**—eight; **Archie Moore**—nine; **Victor Galindez**; and **Michael Spinks**—10. Hill's 10th defense will be a mandatory against Australia's **Guy Waters**. Draw your own conclusions.

Nigel Benn

Michael Nunn

Merqui Sosa

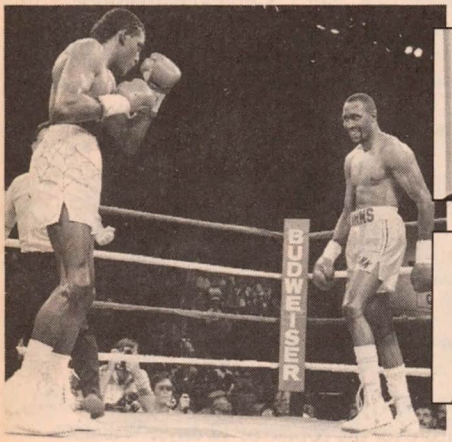
SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Are these the cruiserweights of the '90s? What good can you say about a weight class that had a champion, In Chul Baek, who was a bust as a *junior middleweight* ? The current champions share little. Sugar Ray Leonard is commanding but disinterested; Lindell Holmes is deserving but dull; Christophe Tiozzo is unproven but intriguing. As long as the top 10 is filled with names like Tony Thornton, Don Lee, and Ronnie Essett, the division will be nothing more than a haven for used-up middleweights, just as the cruiserweight class has been a home for tired light heavyweights.

Best Puncher: *Thomas Hearns*
Best Jab: *Sugar Ray Leonard*
Most Protected: *Dan Morgan*
Favorite Opponent: *Nicky Walker*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Lindell Holmes-Chris Tiozzo*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *Dan Morgan*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Victor Cordova*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Antoine Byrd*
On The Way Down: *Don Lee*
Overrated: *Paul Whittaker*
Best Fight This Year: *Tony Byrd W 12 Lenzi Morgan*

Thomas Hearns, comfortable at the weight, could bring the spotlight here. His next big bout, however, will likely come against light heavyweight champion Virgil Hill. A third Hearns-Leonard remains a possibility, but in reality, Leonard is a 168-pounder like Roseanne Barr is a singer.

The super middleweights will remain superfluous until the Olympians who fight at 165 pounds turn pro and stay at 168 instead of 175. That day remains several years away.



Ray Leonard

Lindell Holmes

Michael Olajide vs. Thomas Hearns

Think About It: WBC 168-pound champion **Sugar Ray Leonard** tried to give back the title, and WBC President **Jose Sulaiman** refused to take it. Leonard's won titles in a record five divisions, but he's never been much for defending them. He's made a total of only six successful defenses: four at welterweight, two at super middleweight, and none at junior middleweight, middleweight, and light heavyweight.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

If each of boxing's divisions were a commodity, we'd buy stock in the middleweights. At first glance, the 160-pounders feature an ancient and inactive Roberto Duran, Mike McCallum, who, while almost as old as Duran, is hardened and still hard to beat, and Michael Nunn, suddenly a tougher sell than Iraqi oil. But Nigel Benn, scheduled to face Iran Barkley at press time, Julian Jackson, ready to rise from 154, and x-factor John Mugabi supply much-needed power, and Herol Graham and Sumbu Kalambay provide depth. Marvin Hagler doesn't live here anymore, but the absence of such a dominant presence stimulates activity.

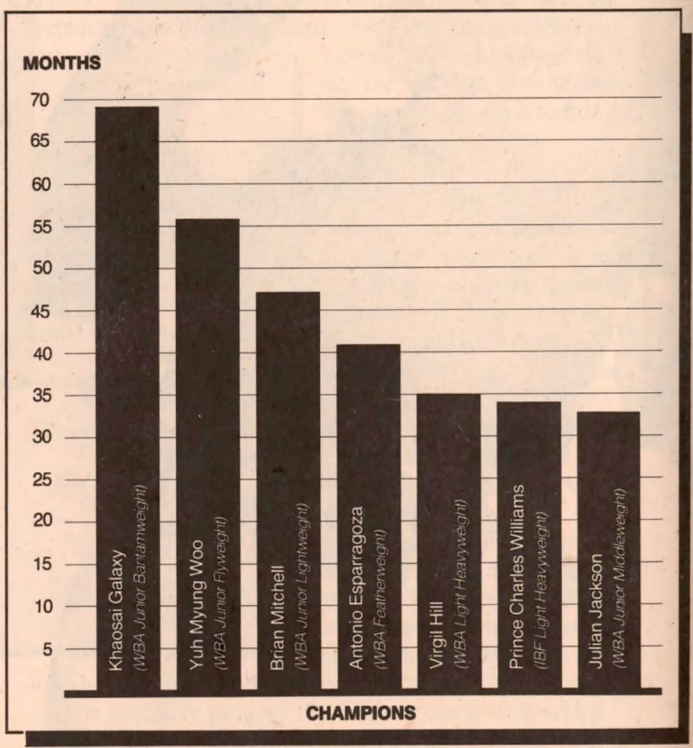
Best Puncher: *Nigel Benn*
Best Jab: *Michael Nunn*
Most Protected: *Ron Collins*
Favorite Opponent: *Ricky Stackhouse*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Michael Nunn-Ray Leonard*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *Merqui Sosa*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Chris Eubank*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Reggie Johnson*
On The Way Down: *Robbie Sims*
Overrated: *Dennis Milton*
Best Fight This Year: *Nigel Benn KO 8 Doug DeWitt*

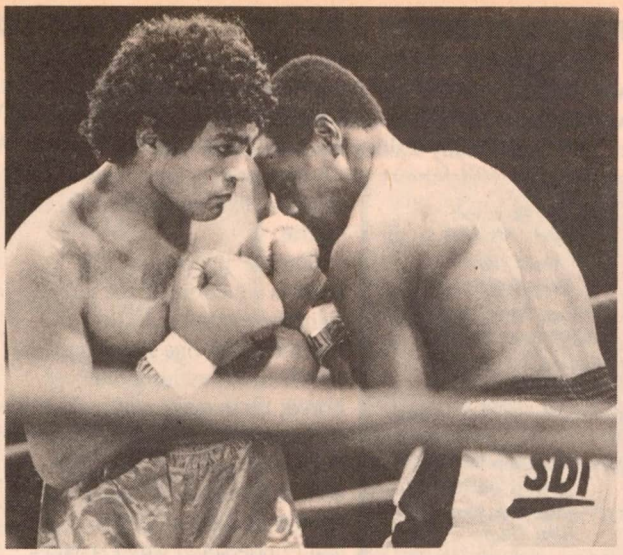
The changes will be drastic over the next three years. Englishmen Benn, Michael Watson, and Chris Eubank, will contend, as will unorthodox Dominican Merqui Sosa. Jackson will rate as the best puncher. Should he remain at 160, Nunn will still own a title. And the division's leader will be 1988 Olympic *cause celebre* Roy Jones Jr. If speed kills, a Nunn-Jones showdown will wipe out the first 10 rows of fans. Buy short, sell long.

Think About It: The Seniors Tour continues to use the middleweight division as its stage. Consider that the average age of today's top-10 is 29.5, as compared to 26.7 in August

LONGEST-REIGNING CHAMPIONS

The following shows boxing's most established champions, and the number of months of their uninterrupted reigns.





Jorge Castro infights with Jake Torrance

1980. The statistic is particularly revealing when you consider that Sugar Ray Leonard (34) and Thomas Hearns (31) are no longer rated at 160 pounds. Ten years ago, there was only one middleweight (Kevin Finnegan) over 30. Today there are five.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

If blind nationalism permits you to root only for American fighters, skip this section. In the '70s, there were 15 junior middleweight champions, and only two (Freddie Little and Oscar Albarado) wore red-white-and-blue. The '90s will offer a similar foreign flavor. When Julian Jackson rises to middleweight, California's Terry Norris will become the division's best fighter. Norris' first defense came in France, and he should keep his passport handy. Those most likely to threaten him are world champion Gianfranco Rosi (Italy) and contenders Miguel Arroyo, Jorge Castro, and Julio Cesar Vasquez (Argentina), Gilbert Dele (France), Chris Pyatt (England), and Carlos Elliott (an American based in Japan). Of that bunch, keep a close watch on Vasquez.

Best Puncher:
Julian Jackson

Best Jab:
Terry Norris

Most Protected:
Arthur Serwano

Favorite Opponent:
Jake Torrance

Matchup We'd Like To See:
Julian Jackson-Terry Norris II

Fighter To Keep An Eye On:
Quincy Taylor

Best Fighter You Never See:
Julio Cesar Vasquez

Deserves A Title Shot:
Chris Pyatt

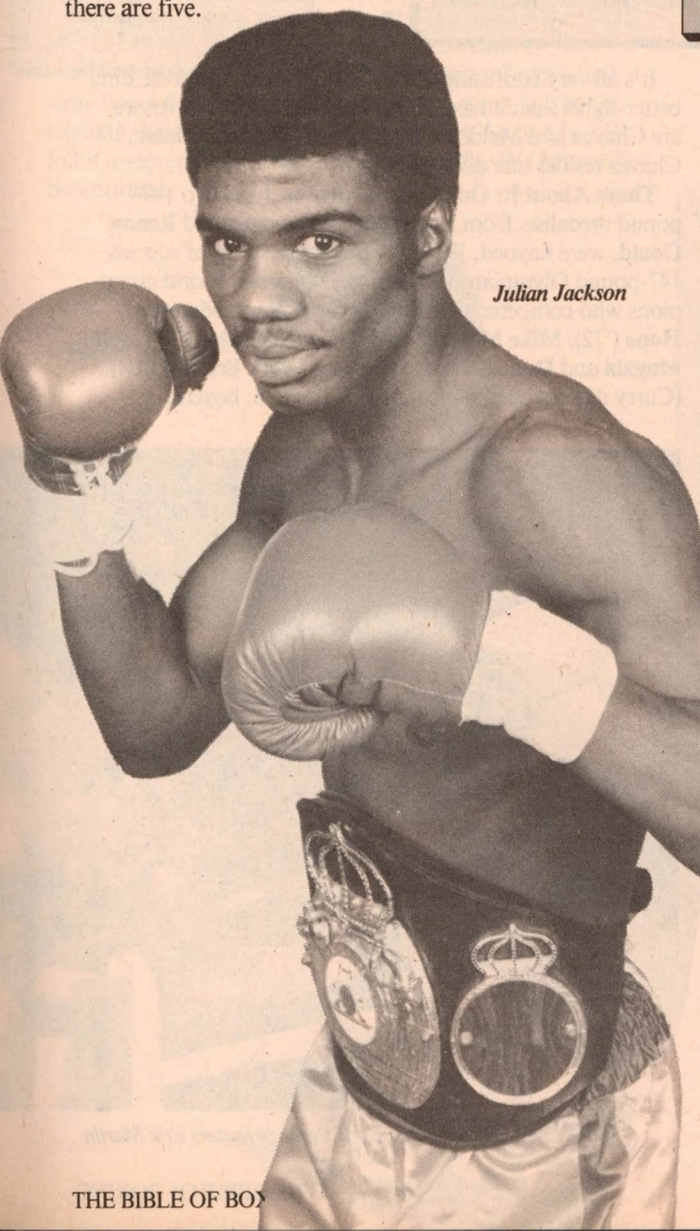
On The Way Down:
Robert Hines

Overrated:
Darrin Van Horn

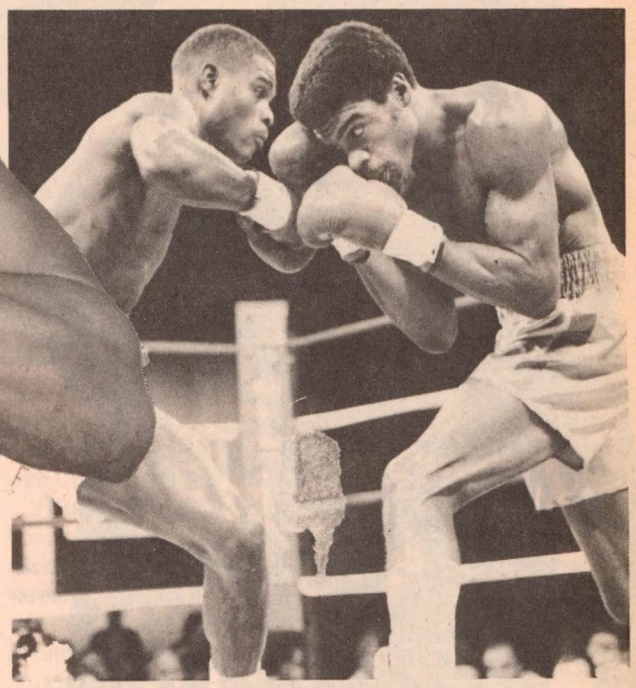
Best Fight This Year:
Terry Norris KO 1 John Mugabi

At the top, the division is weak. Rosi won't reign for long, and when Jackson vacates, Elliott will square off with the limited Jun Sok Hwang, who fought for the welterweight title *seven* years ago. Norris is a star in the making. He may have to carry the division by himself.

Think About It: The first time Julian Jackson fought for a world title, he staggered Mike McCallum in the first round, but fell in the second. In his second try, he annihilated In Chul Baek in three rounds. The first time Terry Norris fought for a world title, he dominated Julian Jackson in round one, only to crash in the second. In his second try, he shocked John Mugabi in round one. Maybe Norris' next opponent should aim for a second-round loss—but only after making like Sugar Ray Robinson in the first.



Julian Jackson



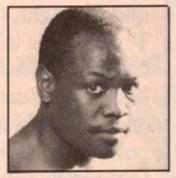
Terry Norris attacks vs. Julian Jackson

Meldrick Taylor

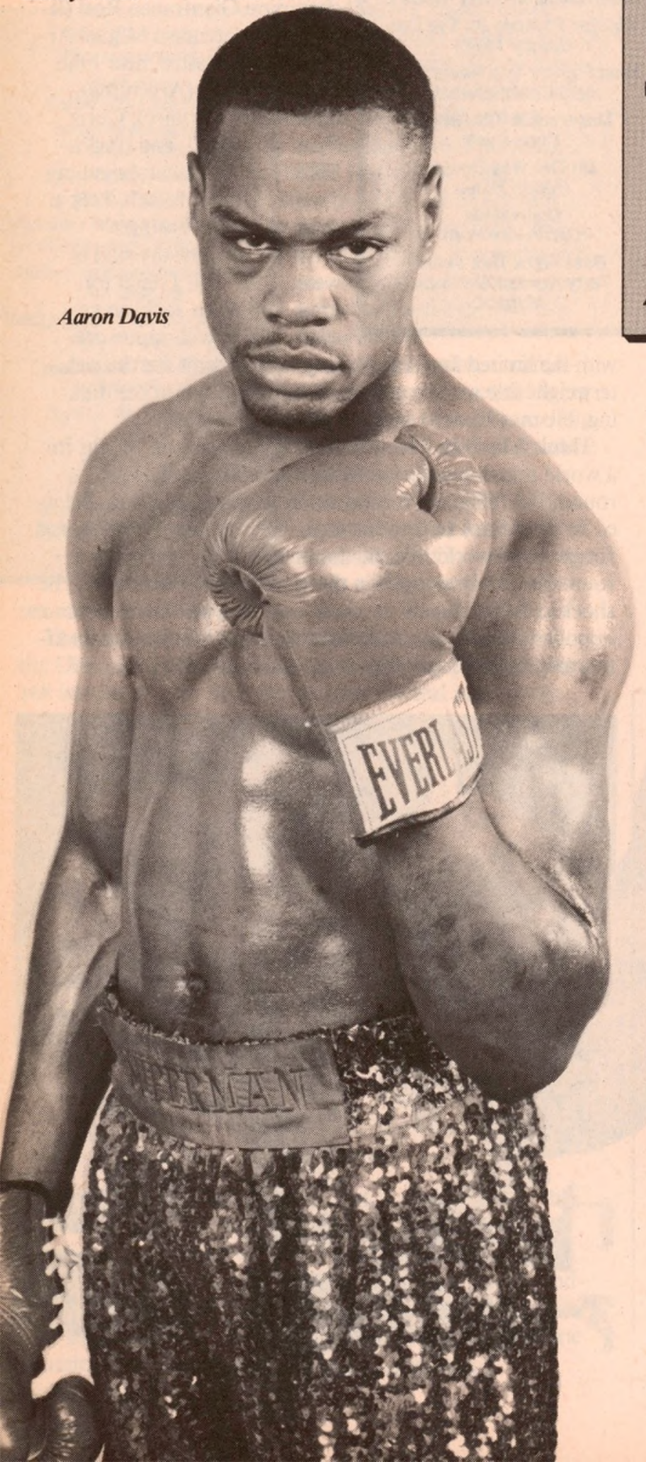
Glenwood Brown

Mark Breland

Buddy McGirt



Simon Brown



Aaron Davis

WELTERWEIGHTS

Simon Brown, Maurice Blocker, and Aaron Davis all want to unify the title, but the money is never right. The welterweight champions think they're waiting on each other, but they're really waiting on Julio Cesar Chavez. Depending on Chavez' plans, that might be like waiting for Godot.

Best Puncher:
Engels Pedroza
Best Jab:
Mark Breland
Most Protected:
Glenwood Brown
Favorite Opponent:
Jorge Maysonet
Matchup We'd Like To See:
Aaron Davis-Simon Brown
Fighter To Keep An Eye On:
Crisanto Espana
Best Fighter You Never See:
Nika Khumalo
Deserves A Title Shot:
Buddy McGirt
On The Way Down:
Vincent Pettway
Overrated:
Kirkland Laing
Best Fight This Year:
Aaron Davis KO 9 Mark Breland

Chavez' jump from 140 pounds would make the money right for everyone. In the meantime, no one seems happy. Brown is exciting, but bored; his management, which he recently fired, seems to have overestimated his worth. Top contender Buddy McGirt, on the disabled list until 1991, can't understand why Davis secured a title try before he did. Bomber Engels Pedroza feels he's earned a shot. And the management of Mark Breland would like the former champion to consider retirement, but Breland wants a second rumble with Davis.

It's all very confusing. This division should be presenting better fights than it has. Those who can control its future are Chavez and Meldrick Taylor, and for now, at least, Chavez resides one division below.

Think About It: On the same night in July, two 147-pound medalists from Seoul, **Robert Wangila** and **Kenny Gould**, were kayoed. Will they break the string of success 147-pound Olympians have enjoyed as pros? World champions who competed as welters in the Games: **Maurice Hope** ('72), **Mike McCallum**, and **Carlos Santos** ('76), **John Mugabi** and **Donald Curry** ('80), and **Mark Breland** ('84). (Curry did not compete because of the U.S. boycott.)

Engels Pedroza batters Eric Martin

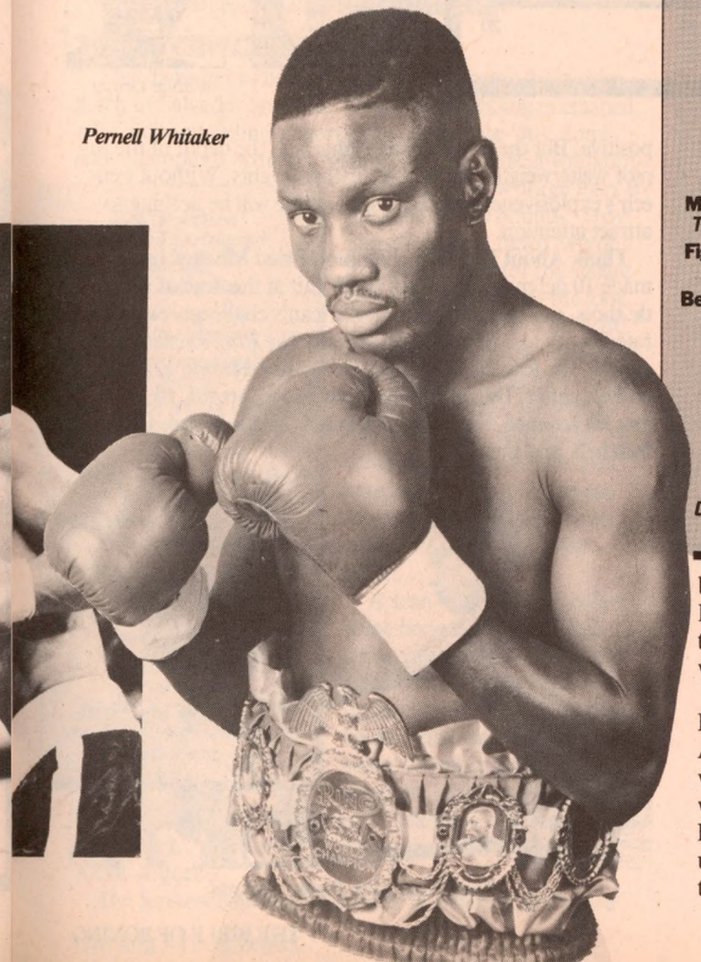
JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

If you're not certain that this is boxing's best division, consider that Hector Camacho, who is 38-0, is rated only fifth by *The Ring,* and Harold Brazier, Rafael Pineda, and Angel Hernandez, three skilled and active contenders, can't crack our top 10. Boxing's best champion lives here (Julio Cesar Chavez), as does its best non-champion (Meldrick Taylor). The immediate future will be determined by the answer to one question: With Taylor ready to move up to welterweight, will Chavez chase him?

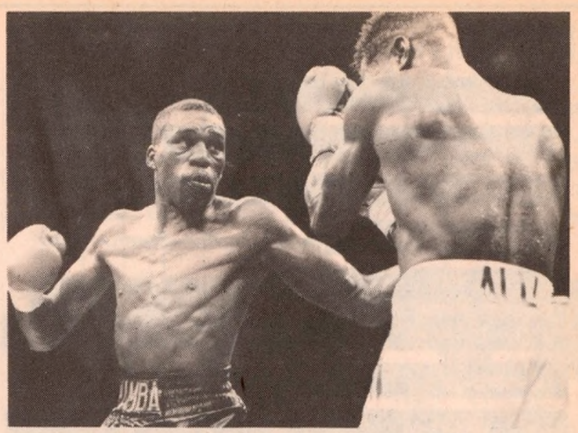
Best Puncher:
Louie Lomeli
Best Jab:
Roger Mayweather
Most Protected:
Todd Foster
Favorite Opponent:
Martin Quiroz
Matchup We'd Like To See:
Julio Cesar Chavez-Hector Camacho
Fighter To Keep An Eye On:
Charles Murray
Best Fighter You Never See:
Juan Coggi
Deserves A Title Shot:
Angel Hernandez
On The Way Down:
Ras-I Bramble
Overrated:
Rodney Moore
Best Fight This Year:
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 12 Meldrick Taylor

Even without Chavez and Taylor, the 140-pounders can provide the type of matchups that spiced the junior lightweight division in the early-'80s. Try Roger Mayweather-Louie Lomeli. Or Loreto Garza-Brazier. How about John Meekins-Sammy Fuentes? None of these pairings even includes streaking Charles Murray, who is arguably the finest fighter of the class of '88.

Take a piece of paper and write down the names of the fighters you think will be the reigning junior welterweight champions on August 1, 1991. Put it away and come back in a few months. We bet you'll be surprised.



Pernell Whitaker



Roger Mayweather hooks Terrence Alli

Think About It: Recently dethroned WBA junior welterweight champion **Juan Martin Coggi**, a southpaw from Argentina, may have been boxing's least recognizable champion. Coggi's reign lasted three years, but he fought only at home, and in Italy and France. He successfully defended the crown four times (vs. **Sang Ho Lee**, **Harold Brazier**, **Akinobu Hiranaka**, and **Jose Luis Ramirez**), and had more non-title bouts (six) than defenses (five).

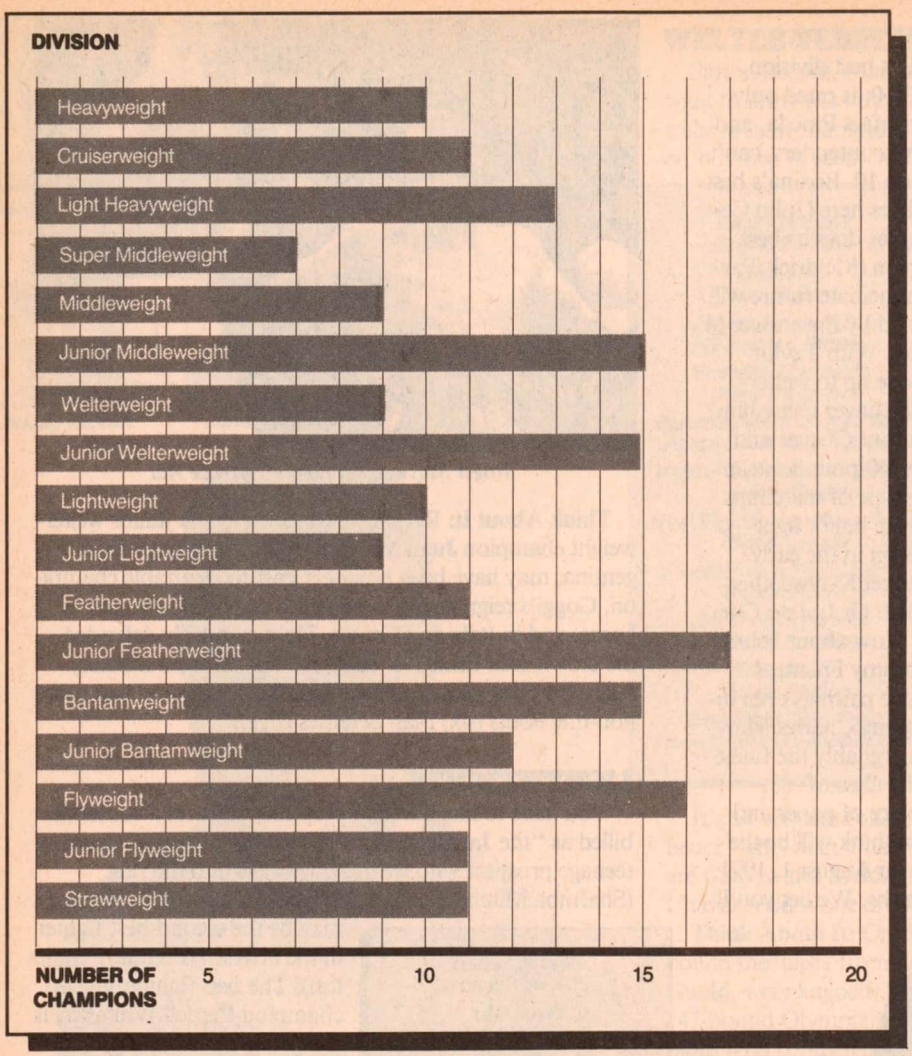
LIGHTWEIGHTS

You have to like a weight class that features a contender billed as "the Japanese Rocky Graziano" (Iwao Otomo), a teenage prospect who wears suspenders into the ring (Sharmba Mitchell), and a title threat who, with 17 losses, may be the second-best fighter in the division (Freddie Pendleton). The *best* fighter, unified champion Pernell Whitaker, is too good for his own good. In another division, a number-one contender like bonebreaking southpaw Tracy Spann would create some interest. But at lightweight, it's assumed that he's no threat to the champion.

Best Puncher:
Tracy Spann
Best Jab:
Pernell Whitaker
Most Protected:
Kelcie Banks
Favorite Opponent:
Delmar Paisan
Matchup We'd Like To See:
Tracy Spann-Primo Ramos
Fighter To Keep An Eye On:
Fabian Tejeda
Best Fighter You Never See:
Pedro Sanchez
Deserves A Title Shot:
Tracy Spann
On The Way Down:
Mario Martinez
Overrated:
Chil Sun Chung
Best Fight This Year:
Darryll Tyson W 12 Rocky Balboa

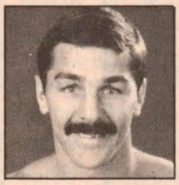
It's too early to describe Whitaker as "the Duran of the '90s." Ten years ago, we called Edwin Rosario "the Duran of the '80s," and though he won the 135-pound title three times, he will never rate with the division's legends. Whitaker needs the kind of competition lacking here. Perhaps one of the young contenders, like Argentine Fabian Tejeda or Dominican Pedro Sanchez, will emerge. Let's hope so. If one doesn't, "Sweet Pea's" reign may turn sour and he'll jump to 140 pounds for a showdown with Chavez.

Think About It: The lightweights can't hold on to talent. Four of the division's finest champions, **Roberto Duran**, **Alexis Arguello**, **Hector Camacho**, and **Julio Cesar Chavez**, vacated for heavier challenges. **Roger Mayweather's** stay was short, and it took only one loss for **Louie Lomeli** (vs. **Pernell Whitaker**) and **John Duplessis** (vs. Lomeli) to move up. Given this recent history, how long can we expect Whitaker to stay put?

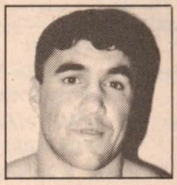


NUMBER OF CHAMPIONS PER DIVISION

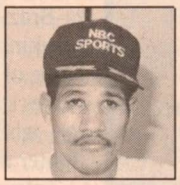
The graph to the left shows the number of champions per division over the last five years, from August 1, 1985 to August 1, 1990.



Brian Mitchell



Jeff Fenech



John-John Molina

Azumah Nelson

Tony Lopez

Calvin Grove

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Let's match Azumah Nelson vs. Jeff Fenech and Tony Lopez vs. Jorge Paez. Winner meets winner, and we toss the rest of the division out the window. That may be a bit rash, and not particularly fair if you're WBA champion Brian Mitchell. But what the heck, Mitchell has reached the twilight of his title reign anyway.

Best Puncher:
Azumah Nelson

Best Jab:
John-John Molina

Most Protected:
Renaldo Carter

Favorite Opponent:
Felipe Orozco

Matchup We'd Like To See:
Jeff Fenech-Azumah Nelson

Fighter To Keep An Eye On:
Gabriel Ruelas

Best Fighter You Never See:
Genaro Hernandez

Deserves A Title Shot:
Pee Wee Parker

On The Way Down:
Calvin Grove

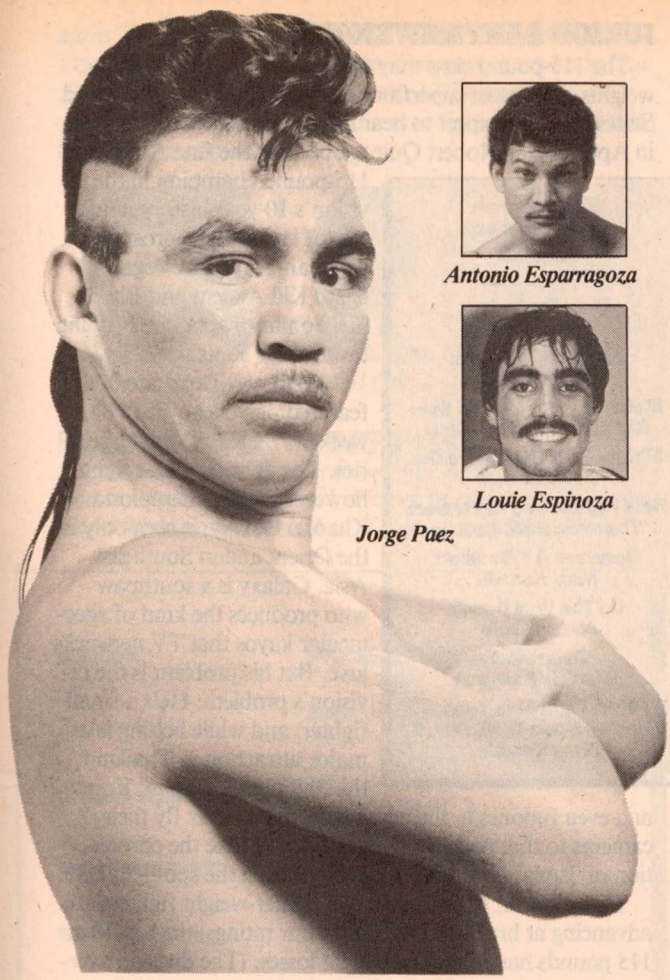
Overrated:
Frankie Mitchell

Best Fight This Year:
Tony Lopez W 12 John-John Molina

At the start of the '80s, fearless fighters like Bobby Chacon, Rolando Navarette, Corny Boza-Edwards, and Bazooka Limon engaged in a bloody 130-pound round-robin that thrilled TV's weekend viewers. At the start of the '90s, however, the division is stagnant. Former champion Nelson and triple-crown king Fenech have been inactive. Lopez needs to fight someone other than John-John Molina. And Mitchell hasn't made a meaningful defense in almost two years. Assuming Nelson-Fenech and Lopez-Paez materialize, the immediate future is positive. But the junior lightweights lack the depth of the junior welterweights and junior featherweights. Without Fenech's explosiveness or Paez' color, there will be nothing to attract attention.

Think About It: WBA champion **Brian Mitchell** has made 10 defenses, all on the road. But at the time of their title shots, not one of the South African's challengers was rated in the top 10 of *KO Magazine, The Ring's* sister publication. The less-than-threatening list: **Jose Rivera, Francisco Fernandez, Daniel Londas, Salvatore Curcetti, Rivera, Jim McDonnell, Salvatore Bottiglieri, Jackie Beard, Irving Mitchell**, and **Beard**.

Tony Lopez jabs Tyrone Jackson



Antonio Esparragoza

Louie Espinoza

Jorge Paez

FEATHERWEIGHTS

This division has barely survived. First came the sudden death of Salvador Sanchez. Then Barry McGuigan crashed after a disappointingly short reign. In the late-'80s, dominant champions Azumah Nelson and Jeff Fenech voluntarily departed. Now Jorge Paez is jumping to 130 pounds. Troy Dorsey and the faded Myron Taylor will duel for the vacant IBF title. Neither has the look of a special fighter. The WBC champion is Marcos Villasana, and you can't label him special either; he needed *five* tries to win the crown. WBA king Antonio Esparragoza is the best here, but his inexplicable absence from American TV ensures that he remain a top secret.

Best Puncher: *Antonio Esparragoza*
Best Jab: *Manuel Medina*
Most Protected: *Ricardo Cepeda*
Favorite Opponent: *Ed Pollard*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Marcos Villasana-Louie Espinoza*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *Rafael Ruelas*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Rafael Zuniga*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Troy Dorsey (again)*
On The Way Down: *Steve McCrory*
Overrated: *Myron Taylor*
Best Fight This Year: *Marcos Villasana KO 8 Paul Hodkinson*

A scan of the ratings offers some hope. Ricardo Cepeda is a genuine talent, but Madison Square Garden has been strangely protective. Assuming he can resist the lure of cocaine, Olympic gold medalist Kennedy McKinney will be an exciting fighter, if nothing more. Colombia's Rafael Zuniga is streaking. And Rafael Ruelas reminds some of a young Alexis Arguello.

The feathers continue to endure. For now, that's all we can hope for.

Think About It: HBO has not televised a featherweight title bout since the **Salvador Sanchez-Rocky Garcia** mismatch in May 1982. Since that time, the cable network has aired fights from every other division, 122 pounds and up. Sanchez is one of only two featherweight champions to appear on HBO. Those with superb memories—or 14 years of cable bills—will recall that in June 1976, HBO televised the **Alexis Arguello-Salvador Torres** title fight.

Troy Dorsey chases Bernardo Pinango

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

What can you say about a division that is 14 years old and has had only one champion—Wilfredo Gomez—who distinguished himself? (Jeff Fenech lived here once, but made only two defenses.) Current titleholders Paul Banke and Welcome Ncita are entertaining champions. But Banke's reign will be short unless he improves his defense, and South Africa's Ncita is still inexperienced at an international level, especially at this weight.

Best Puncher: *Pedro Decima*
Best Jab: *Joe Orewa*
Most Protected: *Tracy Patterson*
Favorite Opponent: *Georgie Garcia*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Paul Banke-Raul Perez*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *Noree Jockygym*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Welcome Ncita*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Jesse Benavides*
On The Way Down: *Daniel Zaragoza*
Overrated: *Fabrice Benichou*
Best Fight This Year: *Paul Banke KO 9 Daniel Zaragoza*

Though it isn't as strong as it was a year or two ago, the 122-pound class remains one of boxing's deepest. Whenever there are veterans ready to depart, like former champions Seung Hoon Lee and Daniel Zaragoza, hot prospects step in to fill the potential void, like Jemal Hinton and Thailand's Noree Jockygym. The WBA's decision to strip Hawaiian puncher Jesus Salud was horrendous, and those chosen to meet for the vacant crown, Luis Mendoza and Ruben Palacios, are forgettable. But if he remains champion, Banke should draw the attention of the American TV networks. Then he and Hinton could secure the division some badly needed exposure.

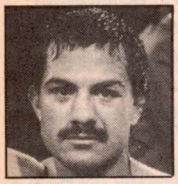
Think About It: Since 1970, Mexicans have dominated the bantamweight division, claiming 11 of the 32 champions. There have been 32 junior featherweight champions in the division's history, and only four of them, **Juan Meza**, **Lupe Pintor**, **Daniel Zaragoza**, and **Juan Jose Estrada**, have been Mexicans. There are no Mexicans to be found in the current WBA and IBF ratings, and only one, Zaragoza, among the WBC's top 20.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Arguably stronger at the top than any other division, the bantams have a problem: The three reigning champions have made a combined 11 defenses, and as a result, Luisito Espinosa, and especially Raul Perez and Orlando Canizales, have cleaned out their weight class. There are young hopefuls like Koreans Yong Hoon Lee and Eun Sik Lee, but for the most part, the contenders are a dull lot. The only chance for excitement would seem to be a rise in weight by boxing's longest-reigning champion, junior bantamweight Khaosai Galaxy.

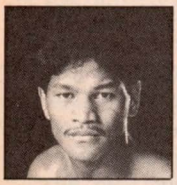
Best Puncher: *Luisito Espinosa*
Best Jab: *Raul Perez*
Most Protected: *Eun Sik Lee*
Favorite Opponent: *Diego Avila*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Luisito Espinosa-Orlando Canizales*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *Eun Sik Lee*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Yong Hoon Lee*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Eduardo Contreras*
On The Way Down: *Wilfredo Vasquez*
Overrated: *Gaby Canizales*
Best Fight This Year: *Orlando Canizales W 12 Billy Hardy*

In the early-'80s, fans of the bantams were frustrated by promoters' inability to match co-champions Jeff Chandler and Lupe Pintor. Any kind of unification tournament involving Espinosa, Perez, and Canizales would not command the attention that would have been guaranteed by Chandler-Pintor. But it seems that today's trio of champions has precious-few options. While Canizales has appeared on American TV, Perez and Espinosa remain hidden: champions of their ability deserve a better fate.



Orlando Canizales

Orlando Canizales kayos Eddie Rangel



Luisito Espinosa

Gaby Canizales

Raul Perez battles Gerardo Martinez

Think About It: Since world titles have been split, the success of the WBC's bantamweight champions is unmatched. In 1976, **Carlos Zarate** was crowned. He made nine defenses before losing to stablemate **Lupe Pintor**. Pintor made eight defenses and then vacated. **Albert Davila** and **Daniel Zaragoza** were short-term champions, but **Happy Lora** made seven defenses, and his conqueror, **Raul Perez**, has made five—and counting.

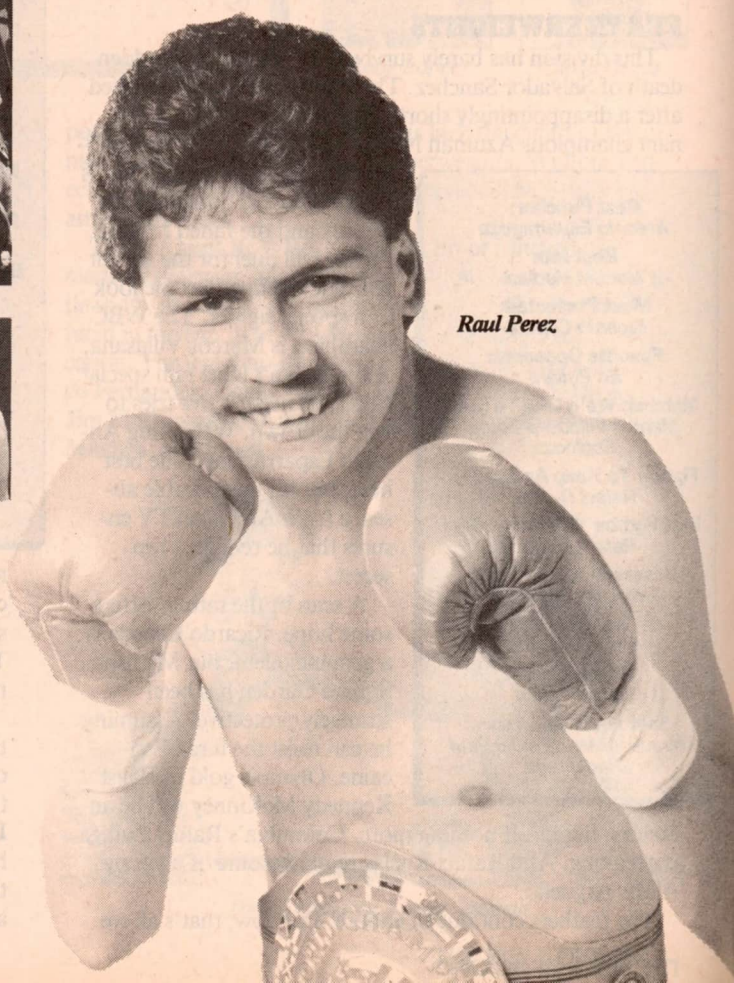
JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS

The 115-pound class may seem—along with the strawweights—the most superfluous in boxing. But in the United States, at least, expect to hear less criticism. That's because in April, Texan Robert Quiroga became the first American 115-pound champion in the division's 10-year history, and two of its brightest prospects, Nigerian-born, Las Vegas-based Kid Akeem and Phoenix' Johnny Tapia, are heading toward title shots.

Best Puncher: *Khaosai Galaxy*
Best Jab: *David Griman*
Most Protected: *Ernesto Ford*
Favorite Opponent: *Mike Phelps*
Matchup We'd Like To See: *Kid Akeem-Johnny Tapia*
Fighter To Keep An Eye On: *David Griman*
Best Fighter You Never See: *Thanomsak Sithbaobey*
Deserves A Title Shot: *Nana Konadu*
On The Way Down: *Santos Laciar*
Overrated: *Shunichi Nakajima*
Best Fight This Year: *Sung Kil Moon Tech. Dec. 9 Nana Konadu*

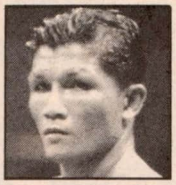
Akeem and Tapia are both featured players on ESPN's weekly *Top Rank Boxing* series. The division's best fighter, however, WBA champion Khaosai Galaxy, is seen only in the Orient and in Southeast Asia. Galaxy is a southpaw who produces the kind of spectacular kayos that TV networks love. But his problem is the division's problem: He's a small fighter, and while boxing is a major attraction in Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, and even Indonesia, the networks almost never fly their cameras to that part of the world. It will take the coronation of Tapia, or at least Akeem, to bring the spotlight here.

Think About It: Evidence that lighter-weight fighters are advancing at breakneck speed: In our ratings, the top-10 at 115 pounds has a combined eight losses. (The division aver-

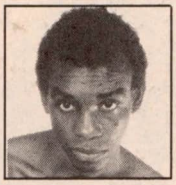


Raul Perez

age is 20.) But only three of those ranked (**Khaosai Galaxy, Thanomsak Sithbaobey,** and **Rey Paciones**) have more than 20 wins. That places last among the 17 divisions. It is now common for lighter-weight fighters to fight for a world title before 10 pro bouts.



Khaosai Galaxy



Richard Clarke

Kid Akeem

MOST SUCCESSFUL DEFENSES

The following shows the most consecutive successful defenses made by the champions in each division, and the most consecutive successful defenses in the history of the corresponding division.

DIVISION	SUCCESSFUL DEFENSES
Heavyweight	Buster Douglas **0** Joe Louis **25**
Cruiserweight	Jeff Lampkin & Robert Daniels **1** Evander Holyfield **5**
Light Heavyweight	Virgil Hill **9** Bob Foster **14**
Super Middleweight	Sugar Ray Leonard **2** Chong Pal Park **8**
Middleweight	Michael Nunn **4** Carlos Monzon **14**
Junior Middleweight	Julian Jackson **3** Koichi Wajima & Mike McCallum **6**
Welterweight	Simon Brown **7** Henry Armstrong **19**
Junior Welterweight	Julio Cesar Chavez **3** Antonio Cervantes **10**
Lightweight	Pernell Whitaker **4** Roberto Duran **12**
Junior Lightweight	Brian Mitchell **10** Tod Morgan **11**
Featherweight	Jorge Paez **8** Eusebio Pedroza **19**
Junior Featherweight	Welcome Ncita **1** Wilfredo Gomez **17**
Bantamweight	Raul Perez & Orlando Canizales **5** Manuel Ortiz **15**
Junior Bantamweight	Khaosai Galaxy **14** Khaosai Galaxy **14**
Flyweight	Dave McAuley & Sot Chitalada **2** Miguel Canto **14**
Junior Flyweight	Yuh Myung Woo **15** Yuh Myung Woo/Jung Koo Chang **15**
Strawweight	Bong Jun Kim **4** Bong Jun Kim **4**

FLYWEIGHTS

The divisions below are stocked with exciting fighters like Michael Carbajal, Yuh Myung Woo, Humberto Gonzalez, Leo Gamez, Ricardo Lopez, and Hideyuki Ohashi. Hopefully, at least two or three will rise in weight, because the 112-pounders have needed help for years.

Best Puncher:
Javier Lucas

Best Jab:
Sot Chitalada

Most Protected:
Kotaro Hayashi

Favorite Opponent:
Willy Salazar

Matchup We'd Like To See:
Sot Chitalada-Dave McAuley

Fighter To Keep An Eye On:
Scott Olson

Best Fighter You Never See:
Jae Suk Park

Deserves A Title Shot:
Richard Clarke

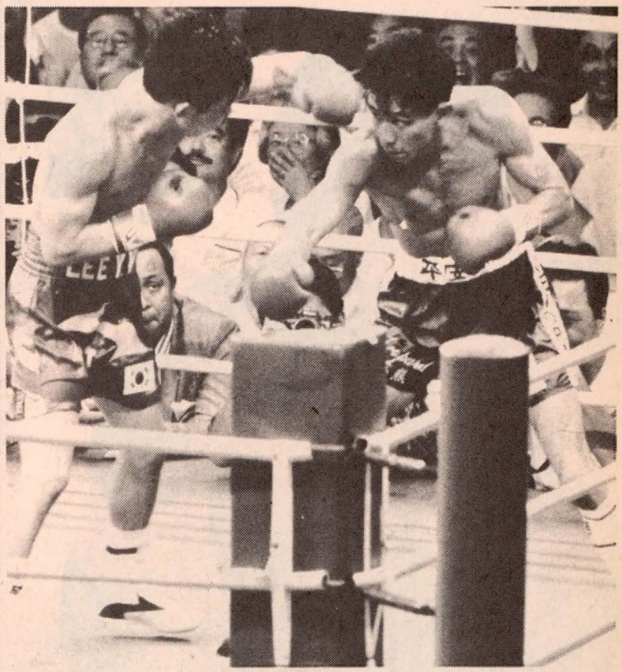
On The Way Down:
Jung Koo Chang

Overrated:
Yun Un Chin

Best Fight This Year:
Leopard Tamakuma KO 10 Yul Woo Lee

There is only one special fighter here, WBC champion Sot Chitalada, who is among the most underrated flyweight champions in history. Chitalada has had two reigns and is 9-1-1 in title fights. Unfortunately, he suffers from a common problem in this class: an inability to comfortably make weight. Chitalada is 28, and his next two defenses, against deserving Shrimpy Clarke and former 108-pound champion Jung Koo Chang, who decisioned Chitalada in 1984, will probably be his last two. But they're both excellent matchups.

Dave McAuley, the overachieving IBF champion, has made two defenses, but the WBA has contributed to the division's identity crisis by crowning four titleholders in the last year. Keep an eye on Chitalada, but also watch the junior flyweights and strawweights. That's where the future lies.



Yul Woo Lee vs. Leopard Tamakuma

Think About It: In March, IBF champion **Dave McAuley's** successful defense against **Louis Curtis** extended the American jinx at flyweight. While there have been two American junior flyweight champions **(Joey Olivo** and **Michael Carbajal)**, there hasn't been an American 112-pound titlist since Hawaii's **Dado Marino** in 1952. Carbajal may be our only hope; the WBA, WBC, and IBF currently rate only one American, **Ricky Romero**.

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS

Promoter Bob Arum has begun to hype IBF champion Michael Carbajal as "the first million-dollar flyweight." Carbajal completed his unlikely rise to the top of the class of '88 when he dethroned Muangchai Kittikasem in July.

Best Puncher:
Humberto Gonzalez

Best Jab:
Muangchai Kittikasem

Most Protected:
Nam Hoon Cha

Favorite Opponent:
Tacy Macalos

Matchup We'd Like To See:
Humberto Gonzalez-Michael Carbajal

Fighter To Keep An Eye On:
Bert Refugio

Best Fighter You Never See:
Kimio Hirano

Deserves A Title Shot:
Leo Gamez

On The Way Down:
Jorge Cano

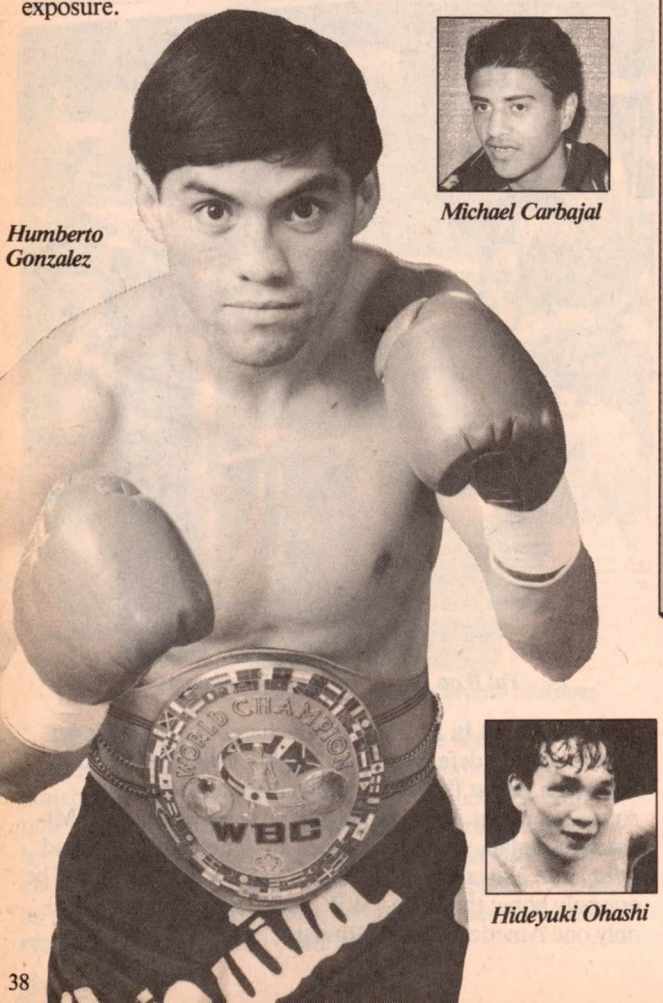
Overrated:
Kajikong Danphoothai

Best Fight This Year:
Yuh Myung Woo W 12 Leo Gamez

But if he and Arum dare dream of seven-figure purses, they'll have to aim toward a showdown with WBC champion Humberto Gonzalez. The Mexican is establishing a following at the Great Western Forum, where he's twice defended the crown. A Carbajal-Gonzalez unification battle would be the biggest bout in this division's history. It might not make Carbajal a millionaire, but it would surely puncture the argument of those who continue to insist that the lighter-weight fighters can't punch.

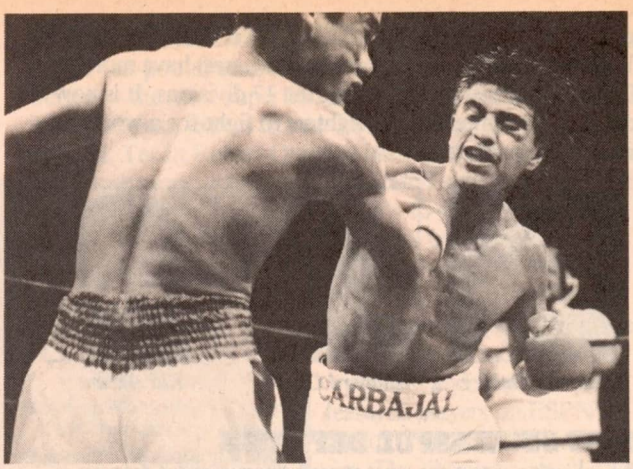
You know the 108-pounders are strong at the top when the dream matchup doesn't include the division's most accomplished fighter. WBA champion Yuh Myung Woo has reigned for almost five years and has tied South Korean countryman Jung Koo Chang's division record of 15 successful defenses. A rise to flyweight would hopefully bring Woo some well-deserved exposure.

Michael Carbajal



Humberto Gonzalez

Hideyuki Ohashi



Michael Carbajal stops Muangchai Kittikasem

Think About It: In June, **Michael Carbajal** won the IBF junior flyweight title by stopping **Muangchai Kittikasem.** Entering the bout, Carbajal had 14 bouts, and Kittikasem 10. A combined 24 bouts might seem like a record low for a world title fight. It's not even close. Coincidentally, the lowest total we could find, 18, was also in an IBF 108-pound title bout. In December 1983, **Dodie Penalosa** (13 fights) kayoed **Satoshi Shingaki** (five).

STRAWWEIGHTS

If unbeaten Mexican contender Ricardo Lopez is as good as preliminary reports indicate, this insignificant division will have its first star. The current champions are a decent lot—WBA titlist Bong Jun Kim has made four successful defenses, and WBC king Hideyuki Ohashi is a proven puncher. But for a fighter to establish an international reputation in a division in which the combatants weigh less than most jockeys (the limit is 105 pounds), he must be truly special. Or at least lucky.

Best Puncher:
Hideyuki Ohashi

Best Jab:
Silverio Barcenas

Most Protected:
Hi Yong Choi

Favorite Opponent:
Santiago Mendez

Matchup We'd Like To See:
Hideyuki Ohashi-Kim Bong Jun

Fighter To Keep An Eye On:
Ala Villamor

Best Fighter You Never See:
Ricardo Lopez

Deserves A Title Shot:
Pretty Boy Lucas

On The Way Down:
John Arief

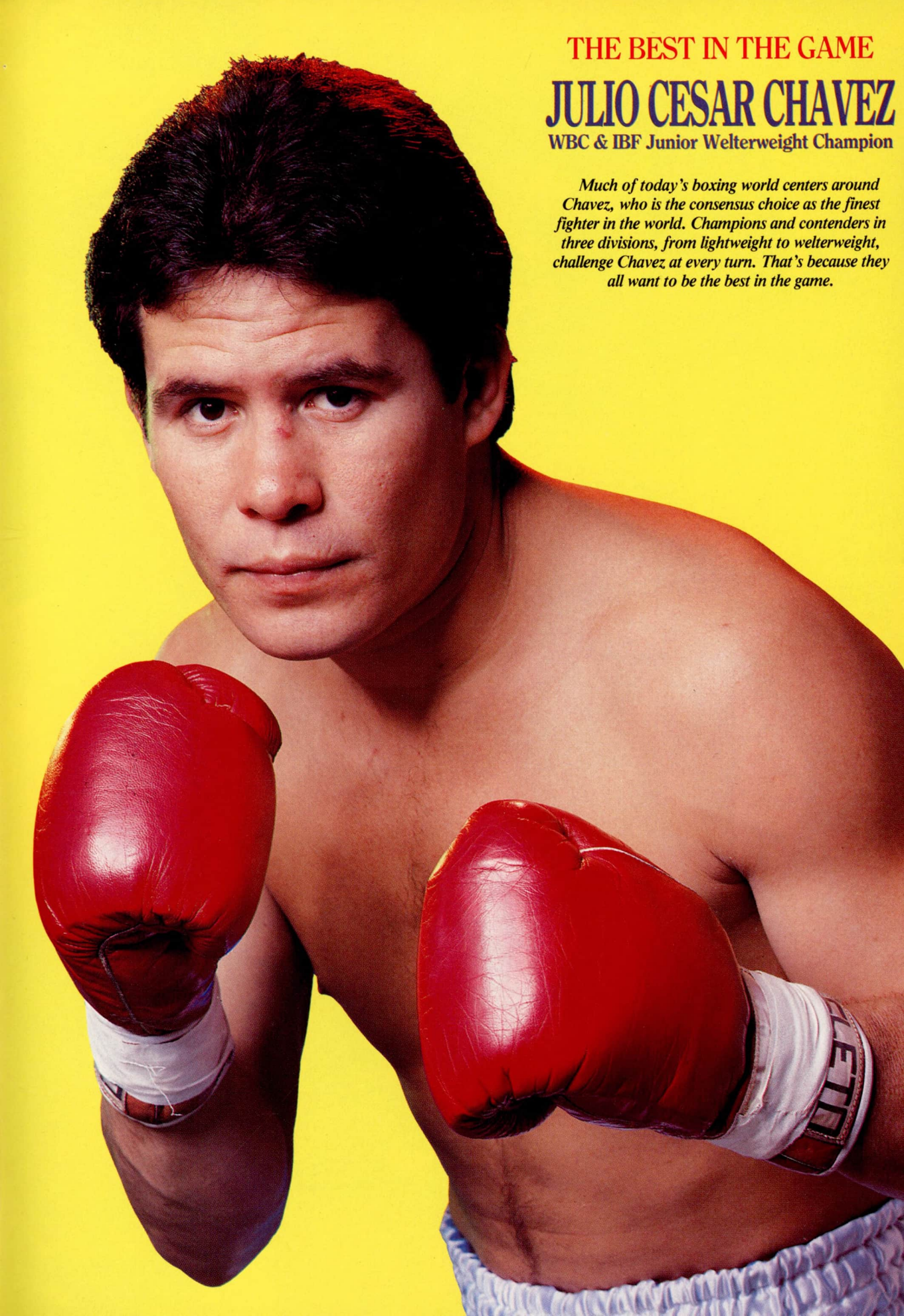
Overrated:
Sam Joong Lee

Best Fight This Year:
Hideyuki Ohashi KO 9 Jeum Hwan Choi

Created solely to promote boxing in the Far East and Southeast Asia, this division has begun to branch out. There are now contenders from Mexico and Central and South America, but 20 of the fighters in the WBC's top 30 are from Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, and South Korea.

Don't expect to be watching a strawweight title fight on network TV in the near future. Those who argue that the WBC, WBA, and IBF create unnecessary divisions for their own profit can point to this weight class as their chief evidence.

Think About It: A fighter who scales the strawweight limit of 105 could just as easily compete at 108. Those who argue the need for this division point out that the three-pound difference is a considerable percentage of a fighter's weight. But the jump from 105 to 108 is only a 2.777 percent increase in body weight. In contrast, the jump from welterweight to junior middleweight, or 147 to 154 pounds, is a 4.375 increase. ■



THE BEST IN THE GAME

JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ

WBC & IBF Junior Welterweight Champion

Much of today's boxing world centers around Chavez, who is the consensus choice as the finest fighter in the world. Champions and contenders in three divisions, from lightweight to welterweight, challenge Chavez at every turn. That's because they all want to be the best in the game.

The RING GALLERY

UPSET OF THE CENTURY

Tokyo, Japan, February 11: Buster Douglas wins the world heavyweight title with a 10th-round knockout of Mike Tyson.

No boxing commission in the world would give Joe Grim a license today. Not even if he were in his prime. And yet his incredible feats will never be equalled, and no fighter will ever replace him as . . .

THE TOUGHEST FIGHTER WHO EVER LIVED

These photos of Joe Grim in his prime are believed to be the only ones in existence. They show a short, well-proportioned man with an unmarked face.

By Peter Ehrmann

Many years ago there was a light heavyweight from Milwaukee, Young Mahoney, who declared a one-man war against Italy because, in his other career as a plumber, an Italian had aced him out of a job. Obsessed with revenge, Mahoney drew a sort of reverse color line—he would fight only Italians, and make them all pay for their countryman's temerity.

This led to the arrival in Milwaukee right after New Year's day, 1906, of the most celebrated Italian fighter of the time. Joe Grim was the self-proclaimed "Champion of Italy," although the man whose real name was Saverio Giannone had left there for America with his family in 1890, when he was nine years old. Grim lived in Philadelphia, where he had become a professional fighter at 17, when he got $1.50 to substitute in a bout in the arena behind which he operated a shoeshine stand.

Grim weighed about 145 pounds, and within a year was going up against the best fighters in the world, from

lightweight to heavyweight. But he actually earned his celebrity going down against them and virtually everybody else he faced, for Joe Grim was, as the newspapers of that day admiringly called him, "The Human Punching Bag." He was renowned for his ability to take beatings that would kill any other fighter, and still be standing at the final bell, laughing at his opponents for their inability to put him down for the count.

They couldn't have found a better target for Young Mahoney's malevolence toward Italians. When Grim entered the ring on January 5, 1906, vaulting over the ropes so clumsily that he almost bonked his head on the canvas, and then removed his robe to reveal bright blue and pink boxing trunks that, as one press account put it, "were so loud that Announcer Bright had to use a megaphone to be heard," the pro-Mahoney crowd howled with derision. The betting was that their hero would succeed where such aces as Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Peter Maher, Joe Walcott, Bob Fitzsimmons, Joe Gans, and even Jack Johnson had not—and knock out the clownish Italian.

He didn't. In eight rounds, Grim, whose offense consisted mostly of harmless slapping with an open glove, landed all of three punches, while receiving, by one newspaperman's account, "a thousand and some odd blows upon every part of his anatomy." But at the final bell, Joe was still there, still upright. Although the decision was given to a dejected Mahoney, it was Grim who carried on like the winner, executing another perilous somersault and making his trademark postfight oration to the stupified crowd.

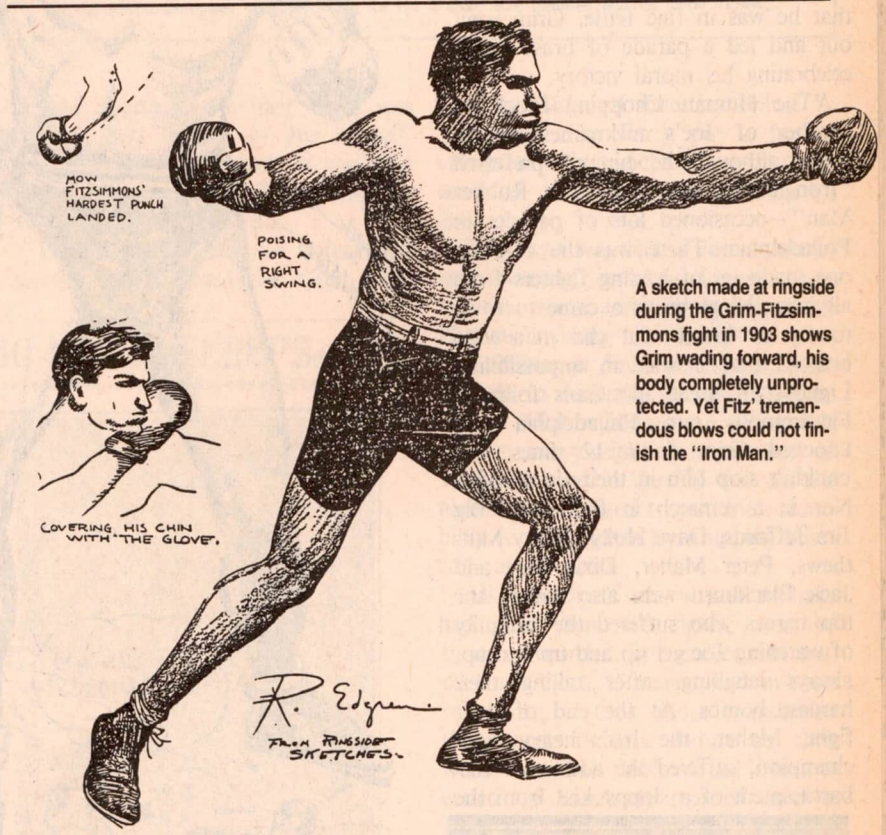
"Me, 'Iron Man' Grim! I fear no man! No one knock Joe out!"

The Italian flag never flew higher.

A "nerveless and brainless freak of human idiocy," is what one disgruntled Milwaukee newspaper called Joe the next day. But names could never hurt him, either. "To a disinterested observer, it seems strange that no one has yet been found with enough intelligence or public spirit to keep this foolish fellow out of the ring," editorialized a Massachusetts paper after Joe's six-round fight with heavyweight champion-to-be Jack Johnson on July 24, 1905, in which Grim, outweighed 220 to 144, was floored 26 times.

"Although the performances are billed as boxing exhibitions," continued the grim anti-Grim editorial, "they are neither more nor less than torturing matches, just as brutal and revolting as the worst slaughtering exhibitions in the arena during the decadence of Rome."

The problem was that it was always Joe who was smiling at the end of the slaughters, while his arm-weary, frustrated opponents were tortured by their inability to keep him down. "He ain't human," complained Jack Johnson to ringside reporter Bob Edgren after the very first round of the Philadelphia bout, in which Grim was battered mercilessly by the man who went on three years later to win the heavyweight title from Tommy Burns. (Burns was also unable to stop Grim in their 1907 fight.)



A sketch made at ringside during the Grim-Fitzsimmons fight in 1903 shows Grim wading forward, his body completely unprotected. Yet Fitz' tremendous blows could not finish the "Iron Man."

Every time Johnson knocked him down, the spectators sang "Get up, Joe!" and Joe would do so with a smile on his face—"as though," one contemporary report put it, "he was getting a haircut." When the bell rang to start the final round, Grim shook hands with Johnson and told him, "Joe Grim is still here, and you can't knock him out!" Grim went down 10 times in that round, as Jack, who was used to doing the taunting in the ring, tried his hardest to put him out. He almost did, knocking the Iron Man flatter than sheet metal as the bell rang to end the no-decision fight. Joe was bleary-eyed but feeling no pain. His streak was still intact.

Walcott, "The Barbados Demon," was one of the greatest welterweights ever. He couldn't finish off Grim in their 1903 six-rounder even after hitting Joe "so hard in the stomach that I almost expected to find my glove come out the other side." Joe's gut would survive even worse than that. A month after the Walcott fight, ex-heavyweight champion Fitzsimmons, outweighing Grim by 20 pounds, loosed on him six rounds worth of famous solar plexus blows of the type that had left James J. Corbett writhing on the canvas, with no better results than Walcott.

"Every time I hit him what I thought was a kayo blow to the stomach," recalled Fitz, "he either burst into laughter or launched a speech."

Powerful "Freckled Bob" might not have even bothered had he known that a week or so before their fight, Grim had merrily reassured a friend who'd been worried about the effects of Bob's body shots by letting the friend whack him in the midsection with an ax handle. (Grim's trainer, Harry Lenny, once recalled when Joe let a slaughterhouse worker smash him in the belly with a sledgehammer. "That

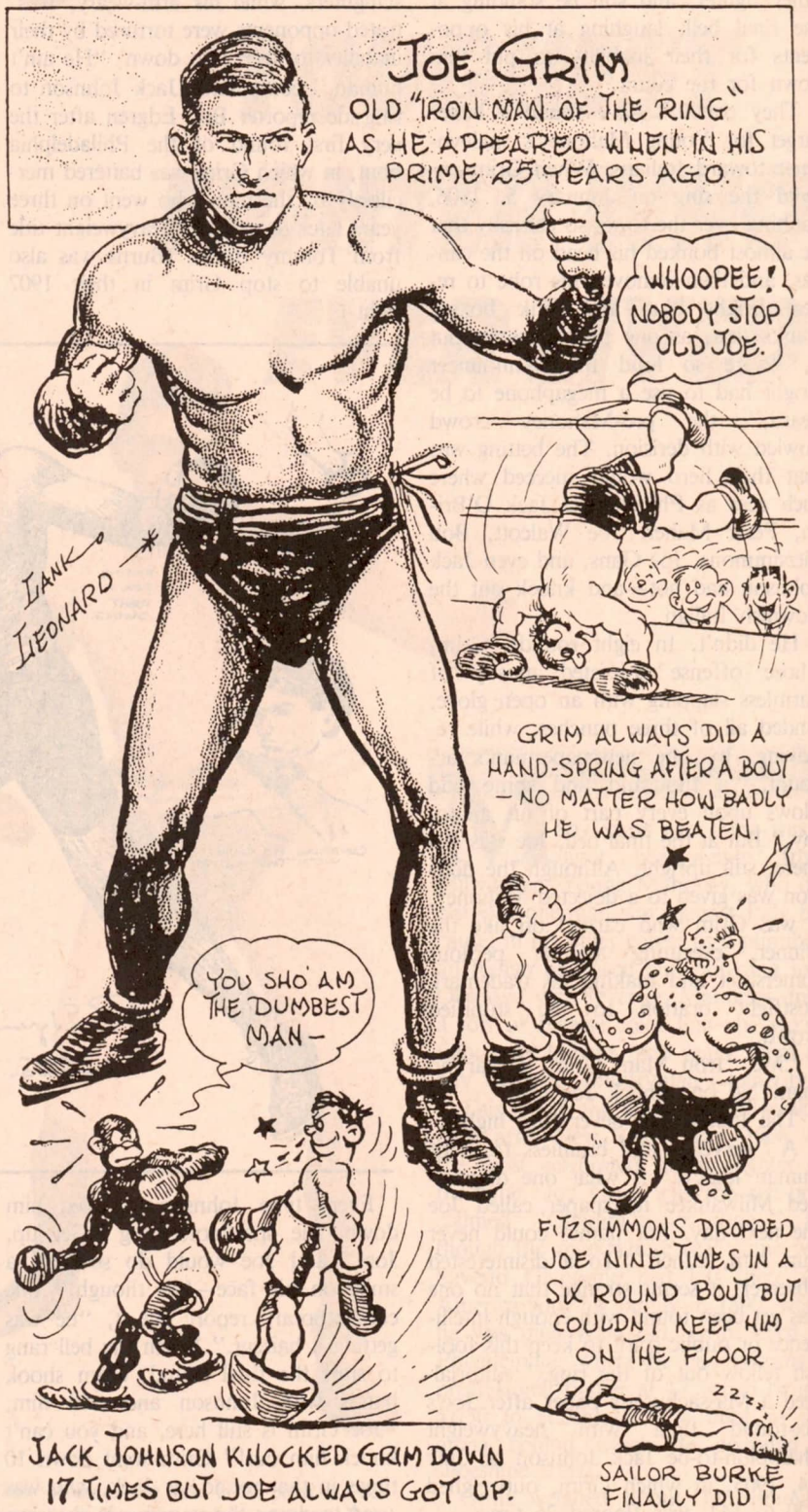
big gorilla hit Joe so hard, [Grim] bounced back about 12 feet from the shock," said Lenny. "But he never went down.")

Not that Fitzsimmons, a one-time blacksmith, didn't pound Joe like an anvil throughout their no-decision bout. The Italian went down at least 16 times (sometimes Joe fell down without any help from his opponents, so an accurate knockdown count wasn't always easy to arrive at), and toward the end, Fitz was worried about breaking his hands on Grim's carapace. When the last bell sounded, Joe did his handflip, crowed that nobody could keep him down, and demanded a fight with heavyweight champion James J. Jeffries. Then, after hitting himself in the belly with a baseball bat to prove to a club doctor that he was in fine fettle, Grim went out and led a parade of brass bands celebrating his moral victory.

"The Human Chopping Block"—another of Joe's nicknames in the press, although he himself preferred "Iron Man" or "The India Rubber Man"—occasioned lots of parades in Philadelphia. There was the constant one made up of leading fighters from all over the globe who came to town to try to knock out the man who boasted that it was an impossibility. Lightweight great Joe Gans followed Fitzsimmons into Philadelphia and knocked Grim down 12 times, but couldn't stop him in their six-rounder. Nor in a rematch in Baltimore. Big Jim Jeffords, Dave Holly, Matty Matthews, Peter Maher, Dixie Kid, and Jack Blackburn were also among the top names who suffered the indignity of watching Joe get up and up and up, always laughing, after taking their hardest bombs. At the end of their fight, Maher, the Irish heavyweight champion, suffered the additional embarrassment of a sloppy kiss from the battered Grim.

There was another constant parade into Philadelphia at the same time the best fighters were trying to knock out Joe Grim. It consisted of physicians interested in examining Joe to discover why it couldn't be done. One of them was Dr. J.M. Craemer, whose conclusion, published in a New York newspaper article in 1904, was essentially that Iron Man Joe was just too dumb to be kayoed.

Expecting to examine a physical colossus on the basis of what he'd heard about Grim, Dr. Craemer was aghast to find instead a primordial Mr. Peep-



This cartoon, a tribute to Grim, first appeared in a 1931 issue of *The Ring*.

FINISHING ON HIS FEET

Joe Grim, weighing only about 145 pounds, fought three great heavyweight champions and finished on his feet in each bout.

Bob Fitzsimmons, October 14, 1903: Grim was floored nine times in six rounds.

Jack Johnson, July 24, 1905: Grim was floored 17 times in six rounds.

Tommy Burns, January 10, 1907: Grim was floored five times in three rounds.

ers. "Grim is not the physical giant I would imagine from the accounts of battles," he reported. "On the contrary, he weighs not more than 150 pounds, when in condition, and lacks the development seen among most fighters. His body and stomach muscles are not developed in the least, and to see the Italian stripped ready for action, one would wonder how he could stand the punching."

The answer, theorized the doctor, was that Joe's "brain matter is no more developed than his muscles . . . To cause a kayo, the blow must affect the brain. It is like an electric current that travels from the jaw to the brain through the nerves. Grim has no nerves, and he does not possess enough intelligence to realize any danger."

In that case, a fair heavyweight named Sailor Burke gave the Iron Man a crash course in reality in Brooklyn on May 21, 1906, when he became the first to put Joe down for the full 10-count. Joe had risen, laughing from three early knockdowns. But in round three, he went down again from a hard right and didn't budge as the referee counted him out. The audience was stunned into silence by the unbelievable spectacle, but their shock was nothing next to that of Joe himself, who demanded a rematch. It was held one month later, and Burke was unable to duplicate his feat.

A rare photo shows Grim during his visit to Jack Dempsey's Atlantic City, New Jersey, training camp, where Dempsey was preparing for his ill-fated title defense against Gene Tunney.

But that one knockout defeat had seriously undermined the Grim mystique and aura of indestructability. A year later, Jim Barry put a further crimp in it by knocking Joe down as many as 100 times, and breaking his jaw.

But there was still a reputation to milk overseas, and soon Joe was touring the world as "The Indestructible Human," facing fighters of all sizes and abilities in their hometowns, from Canada to Australia to Europe. Grim lost to Malley Jackson in 20 rounds for the heavyweight championship of Tasmania, and in the Fiji Islands, the natives were invited to test Joe's durability for themselves by whipping baseballs at his head.

All told, Joe Grim is said to have had more than 400 fights, most of them unrecorded, in a career that lasted from 11 to 15 years. And in most of them, he took more punishment than most fighters endure in their whole careers. Joe's facial features ended up hopelessly mashed, and in June 1913, the brain whose existence inside the cast-iron skull some physicians were inclined to doubt, finally could take no more. Joe became increasingly prone to sudden fits of violence that, as anyone who saw him fight knew, were totally alien to his nature. He was committed to a mental institution and spent much time in a straitjacket. But he eventually calmed down and was released. He got a job as a manufacturing plant guard in Pennsylvania, and then in a New York shipyard during World War I. According to some reports, he also had an-

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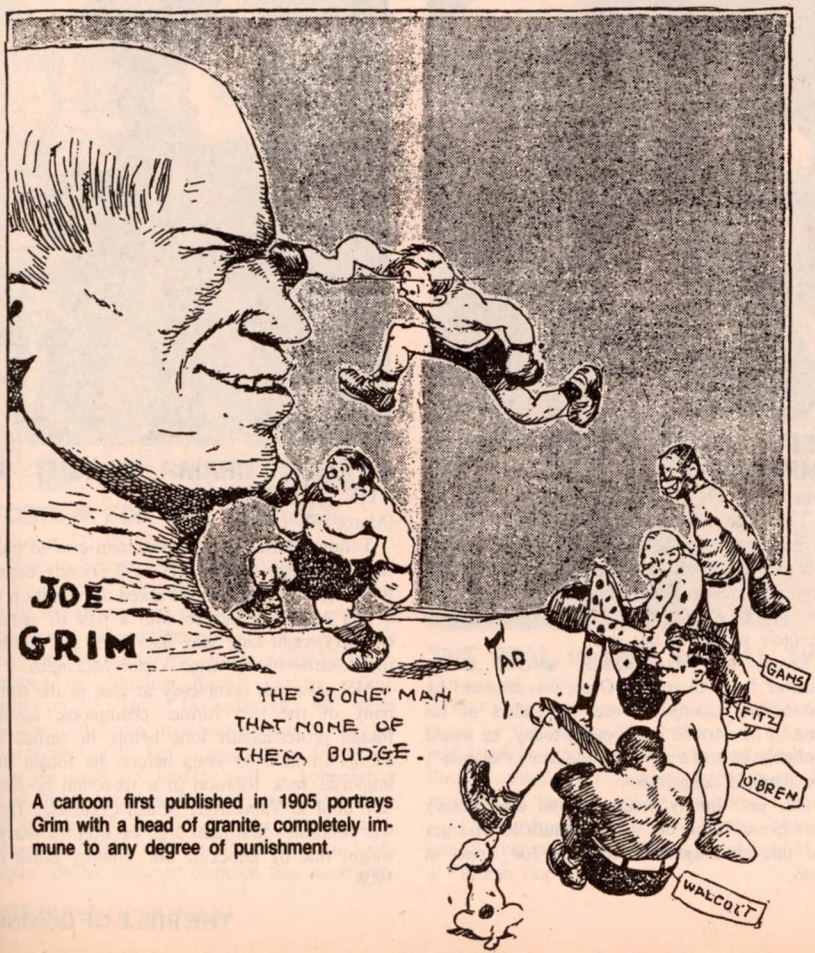
GRIM, THE ITALIAN, WHO NEVER SLEEPS—



A cartoon first published in 1905 portrays Grim with a head of granite, completely immune to any degree of punishment.

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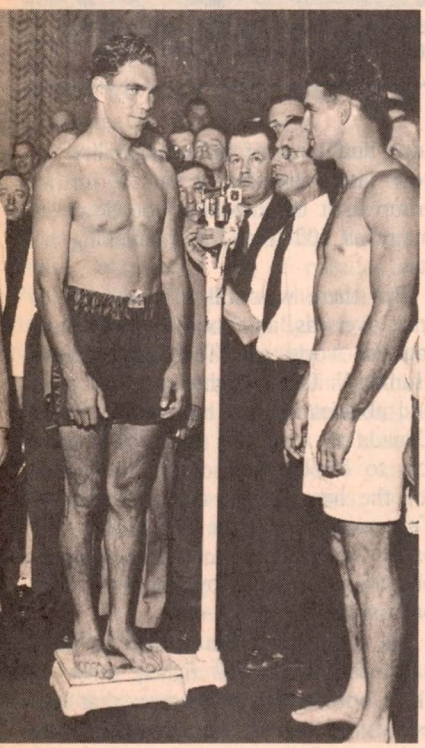


THE BLACK UHLAN AND THE GEORGIA PEACH

(July 3, 1931)

Max Schmeling weighs in for his first defense of the heavyweight crown, against Young Stribling. Max had won the title one year earlier, when he was fouled by Jack Sharkey.

Stribling had a remarkable ring record. Only 27, he had been fighting for 10 years, starting as a bantamweight and battling in every division through heavyweight. In those first 10 years of his career, Stribling had more than 260 pro bouts, losing only seven decisions. Georgia-born, he was without question the most popular boxer to come out of America's South.

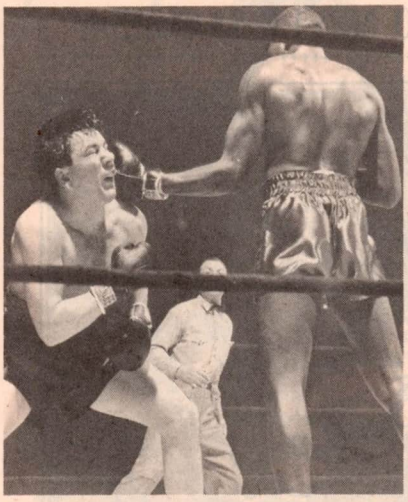
The Schmeling-Stribling fight, at Cleveland's Municipal Stadium, was fairly even going into the 15th and final round. But late in that round, Max caught Stribling with a barrage to the head and body that had the challenger reeling. With only 14 seconds remaining in the bout, referee George Blake startled the crowd by stopping the fight. It was the first time in his long career that Stribling failed to go the distance.

AFTER 30 YEARS, A REUNION IN ARGENTINA

(February 13, 1953)

When the still-idolized former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey (center), stepped off the plane in Buenos Aires, he was deeply touched to find his old foe, Luis Angel Firpo (left), waiting to greet him. Dempsey was in Argentina at the invitation of Ismael Pace (right), owner of Buenos Aires' famous Luna Park.

The tremendous mutual respect Dempsey and Firpo had for each other was obvious as they embraced and actually exchanged cheek kisses. Thirty years had passed since Jack and Luis had slugged it out with Dempsey's crown on the line. Their encounter will always be called "The two most thrilling rounds in boxing history."



LEFT HOOK TO LEFT JAW? IMPOSSIBLE!

(March 13, 1943)

Tami Mauriello grimaces in agony as Jimmy Bivins' hook explodes against the left side of his face in the third round of their heavyweight clash at Madison Square Garden. No other picture in *The Ring's* vast library records a punch remotely similar to this one.

Bivins, an extraordinarily talented boxer-puncher from Cleveland, Ohio, was shunned by the leading champions and contenders of his time. If he were he in his prime today, he would probably be suffering from the same "disease": too damned dangerous.

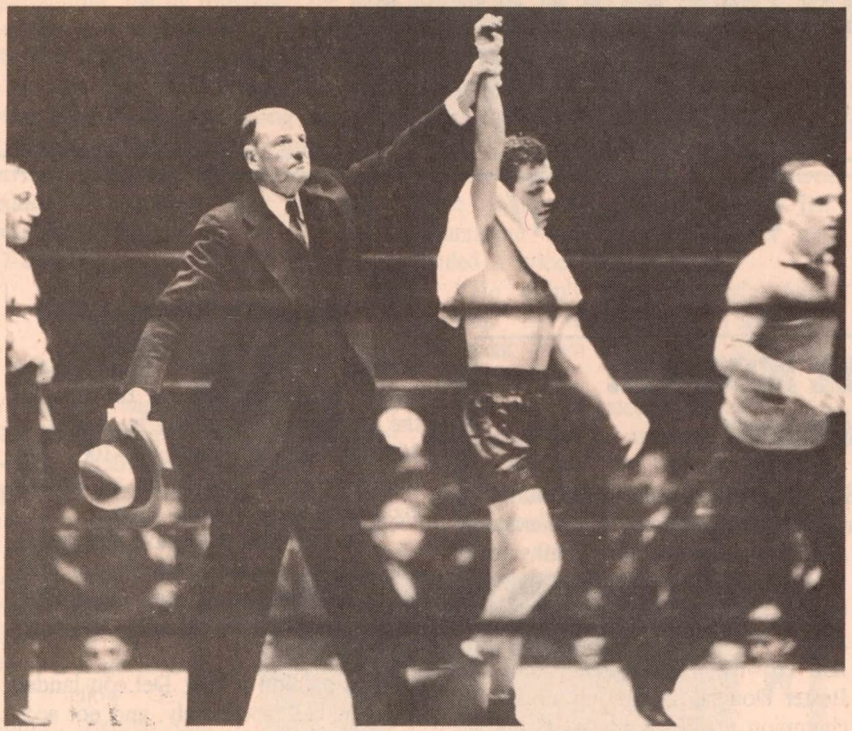
Oh, yes. Jimmy breezed to an easy victory over brave Tami, but it was Mauriello who got the title shot against champion Joe Louis in 1946.

LITTLEST CHAMP CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

(March 17, 1954)

Tommy Burns, the smallest man ever to hold the heavyweight title at 5'7", 175 pounds, eagerly springs into action when asked to ham it up at a Los Angeles nightclub with a pair of giants, ex-heavyweight king Max Baer (left) and Academy Award-winning actor Victor McLaglen.

McLaglen felt completely at ease in the company of the two former champions, having fought professionally long before he turned to acting. In fact, 45 years before, he fought the immortal Jack Johnson in a six-round no-decision bout in Vancouver, British Columbia. That was Johnson's first fight after he won the heavyweight title by knocking out Tommy Burns in 1908.



IN RECORD TIME

(November 14, 1930)

Ring announcer Joe Humphries raises Tony Canzoneri's hand after Tony paralyzed defending lightweight champion Al Singer in the record time of 66 seconds. It was the second world title for the 22-year-old Italian-American idol. Three years before, a teenaged Canzoneri had been crowned featherweight king.

STABLEMATES OF THE CENTURY

(January 12, 1924)

Would you believe that Jack Dempsey (left) and Mickey Walker were managed by the same man? And while both were in their fighting primes, no less.

Jack "Doc" Kearns masterminded Dempsey to the heavyweight throne and Walker to the welterweight and middleweight titles. With so unprecedented a reservoir of talent at his command, it wasn't necessary for Kearns to be a brilliant negotiator; he was to earn millions for his two supermen and himself.

Can you imagine what Dempsey and Walker would be worth to a manager today?

FODDER FOR THE BOMBER

(October 31, 1935)

Veteran Basque heavyweight Paulino Uzcudun arrives in New York after sailing across the Atlantic Ocean to keep an appointment with the sensational and undefeated Joe Louis. Although long past his prime, the granite-chinned Paulino amazed the Madison Square Garden sellout crowd on the night of December 14, 1930, when he absorbed Louis' murderous shots during the first three rounds. But in round four, Joe nearly tore the head off his foe with a bout-ending right. When asked which punch was the hardest he ever landed, Louis, until the day he died, answered, "That right on Paulino's face." No Louis scholar has ever disputed that statement.

THE REAL McCOY IN REAL TROUBLE

(August 14, 1924)

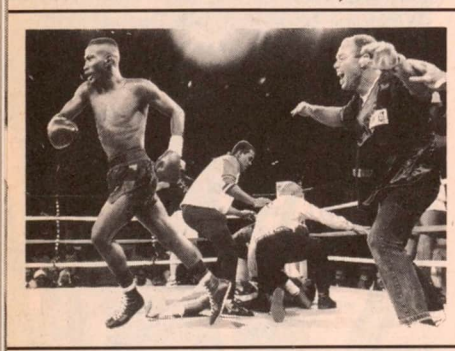
That's the legendary Kid McCoy (seated, left) being interrogated by Los Angeles detectives after his arrest for the murder of a girlfriend and the shooting of three other people. The 56-year-old former middleweight champion, facing execution, pleaded insanity and got off with a prison term. Although the Kid compiled a remarkable record during his 25-year career, he is most remembered for inspiring that English language staple, "the Real McCoy."

McCoy, whose real name was Norman Selby, hit skid row after his release from prison. In 1940, at age 68, frustrated and in severe depression, McCoy became a statistic when he blew his brains out in a Chicago flop house.

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Pernell Whitaker

This is the boxing world we live in: With 17 divisions and three major sanctioning bodies, there are slots for 51 different world champions. The average man can't name all the divisions, much less all the champions. But thanks to Whitaker, there is only one lightweight king. By adding Juan Nazario's WBA title to his WBC and IBF crowns, "Sweet Pea" joined Buster Douglas as the only unified champion in the game. WBC and IBF junior welterweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez is the only other fighter to hold more than one title.



Those familiar with Nazario's pair of foul-filled brawls with Edwin Rosario were expecting his battle with Whitaker, the main event of a Lake Tahoe Caesars and HBO tripleheader that featured Meldrick Taylor-Primo Ramos and Hector Camacho-Tony Baltazar, to unfold slowly. Instead, the bout ended with a bang. It was exactly the kind of victory that Whitaker, 135, Norfolk, Virginia, 23-1 (13), needs to alter his image as a masterful but safety-first boxer.

Whitaker opened with lateral movement, and the first round remained uneventful until the final five seconds. Whitaker, a southpaw, followed a jab with an overhand left, and Nazario, who froze for a full second before crashing, proved that the most dangerous punches are those you don't see.

Nazario, 135, Guaynabo, 22-3 (15), failed to beat the count of referee Mills Lane, and Whitaker, as surprised as everyone else, rejoiced in the arms of his handlers.

"I was establishing a good jab," he said incredulously. "I saw his right hand coming down . . . "

MASSIMILIANO DURAN-CARLOS DeLEON

CAPO D'ORLANDO, ITALY—Duran, the son of former European light middleweight and middleweight champion Juan Carlos Duran, won the WBC cruiserweight title in a most unlikely manner—by getting knocked down after the bell ending the 11th round.

It was a terribly boring fight, as most of DeLeon's recent defenses have been. The badly faded champion offered little offense, and when the inexperienced Duran, a puffed up light heavyweight who scaled only 183½, showed some aggressiveness in the middle rounds, DeLeon was content to smother the punches.

As Belgian referee Bob Logist stepped in to separate the fighters after the 11th, DeLeon connected with a booming right that dropped the challenger. During the ensuing chaos, the crowd tossed a variety of objects into the ring, including shoes and spaghetti. After Logist conferred with WBC supervisors Ray Clarke and Antonio Sciarra, it was decided that DeLeon would be disqualified. At the time of the stoppage, Duran led by scores of 109-108, 109-107, and 106-106. The first two scores include an astounding eight and seven rounds even.

"The referee should have intervened, and, if DeLeon had committed a foul, taken a point away, not disqualified him," said Yamil Chade, DeLeon's manager.

"My opinion is that DeLeon landed after the bell deliberately, and not accidentally," said Clarke.

Puerto Rico's DeLeon, who has held the title four times, is 45-5-2 (30). Italy's Duran, 26, is 17-0. An immediate rematch at a neutral site is likely. (7-27-90)

GIANFRANCO ROSI-DARRIN VAN HORN

MARINO, ITALY—In an IBF junior middleweight title fight worthy of professional wrestling, Rosi, 153½, Italy, 49-3 (16), retained the crown with a unanimous 12-round verdict over Van Horn, 153¾, Lexington, Kentucky, 44-2 (25), at a noisy Palazzo di Chiaccio. Rosi, who triumphed by scores of 116-113 (England's Dave Parris) and 115-110 twice (Italy's Benedetto Montella and the United States' Bernard Hardy), had taken the title via decision from Van Horn in July 1989.

With Van Horn, 22, lunging and butting, and Rosi, 32, grabbing, hitting low, and grappling, there was no time for meaningful exchanges. The lone highlight came late in round seven, when Van Horn landed a hook that drove Rosi to the canvas. Referee Randy Neumann ruled a knockdown, but replays showed that the punch had struck the champion's shoulder, and that Rosi had tripped.

As the rounds mounted, the quicker Rosi's ability to counter with single punches and then clinch enabled him to pull away on the scorecards. Van

Horn, confused and frustrated throughout, hardly resembled the fighter who had won the title by outboxing Robert Hines in February 1989.

It was the third defense for Rosi, who bled from cuts along his right eyebrow and scalp. Afterward, he described Neumann as "hostile," and added, "I couldn't work the way I wanted to."
(7-21-90)

ORLANDO CANIZALES-EDDIE RANGEL

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK—It was best that during his stay in Saratoga Springs, IBF bantamweight champion Canizales didn't spend an afternoon at the famous Saratoga racetrack. "The Graveyard Of Favorites" has been home to some of racing's most historic upsets. Perhaps Canizales, a huge favorite over fellow Texan Rangel, figured that if Secretariat could lose at the track, he wasn't going to take any chances at the City Center.

If Canizales' fifth defense had been a stakes race, the footnote in the *Daily Racing Form* might have read that he had "won as he pleased." Canizales, 118, Laredo, Texas, 26-1-1 (22), outboxed USBA champion Rangel, 118, San Antonio, 23-5-2 (15), from a distance and forced him to retreat during infighting. In fact, he almost scored a first-round stoppage when two hooks and a right froze the challenger with less than 20 seconds left.

Both bantamweights were cut in the second, though Rangel's wound, an inch-long horizontal gash just under the eyebrow, seemed more potentially damaging. Canizales was cut at the corner of the eye in the closing seconds, when Rangel landed a series of rights.

"Quick feet," trainer Jesse Reid shouted to Canizales in the third. Rangel took that round by forcing exchanges and zeroing in with his crosses. But Canizales' rights allowed him to regain control in the fourth, and before the start of the fifth, Reid told him, "Let's get him outta here."

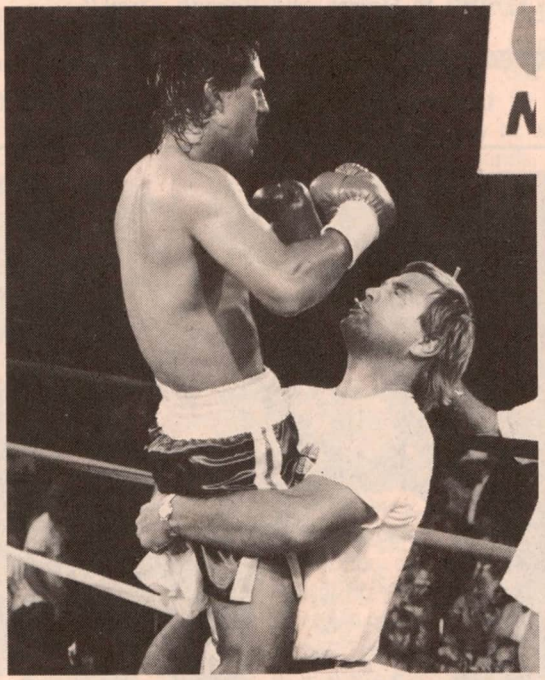
Canizales was a good listener. Seconds into the fifth, he attacked with short punches that drove Rangel into the ropes. Rangel fell from the volume of blows and began to rise at referee Joe Santarpia's count of nine. But Santarpia waved the fight over and ruled a knockout.

"He didn't want to fight [anymore]," the referee said. "That's why he went down in the first place. He didn't get hit."

Canizales had stopped Rangel in the third round of an amateur bout about eight years ago. The two had also frequently sparred with each other.

The judges were Don Ackerman, Nick Cimini, and Don Nodeker. The bout was promoted by the Houston Boxing Association and televised by the USA network. The ring announcer was Ron DelBuono.
(8-14-90)

Steve Farhood



Canizales: Reaching new heights

TERRY NORRIS-RENE JACQUOT

ANNECY, FRANCE—WBC super welterweight champion Norris was far too good for former champion Jacquot and won by a landslide in his first defense. Jacquot had earned his title try, but he had looked unimpressive in his two fights since losing the crown to John Mugabi.

It looked like this one was going to end early when Norris, 159, floored Jacquot, 159½, with a right hand to the jaw at 1:25 of the first round. Jacquot managed to get up, and referee Joe Cortez allowed him to fight on. The challenger was dropped again in round two and fought on courage for the remainder of the bout. Jacquot repeatedly tried to set up Norris for a big shot, but the champion outscored and outclassed him in almost every round.

"I don't understand how he got up after those two knockdowns," Norris said, "but he's a tough guy, and from round six, I knew that I could win on points. Jacquot normally gets better and better, but I outfought him with fast combinations, and why take a risk and try to stop him?"

"I could not quit in front of my own people," Jacquot said. "I hoped to see him tiring in the last round and then find a big punch to win, but he was too smart and too good. I'd love to fight him again."

All three judges had Norris a big winner. Daniel Gomez (Argentina) saw it 120-107, Miguel Donate (Puerto Rico) scored 117-109, and Giuseppe Ferrari (Italy) had it 119-108.

Norris raised his record to 26-3; Jacquot fell to 26-11. Norris was invited back to defend his title against unbeaten European champion Gilbert Dele. The hard-hitting Dele might provide Norris with a tough struggle.

1988 Olympic silver medalist Laurent Boudouani, 153, is 11-0 (11) after stopping Belgium's Freddy Demeulenaere in the second round. It was an impressive win.

French lightweight champion Angel Mona, 15-0, kayoed Ali Bogerrara, a Zaire-born Austrian, in round two.

Another Zaire boxer, Zacc Mulumba, upset American Richard Evans in a six-rounder; super welterweight Evans was one of Norris' sparring partners.
(7-13-90)

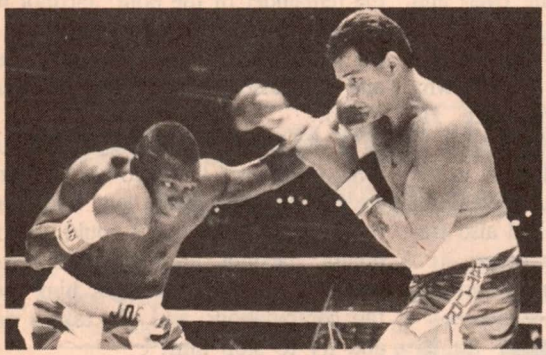
Kurt Kristiansen

ROBERT DANIELS-CRAIG BODZIANOWSKI

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—At the Kingdome, WBA junior heavyweight champion Daniels, 188½, Miami, successfully defended the title over 12 rounds against one-legged "Gator" Bodzianowski, 190, Chicago, a sentimental favorite because of his

determination to fight with a prosthesis.

The challenger gave it his best, but he could not overcome the superior firepower of Daniels. The champion controlled the bout from the beginning with thudding jabs, hooks, and crosses that all but closed Bodzianowski's left eye.



Daniels outguns Bodzianowski

Shuffling forward while throwing combinations, Bodzianowski never once seemed badly hurt but later revealed that he was fighting with broken ribs suffered during training. After the 10th round, his left eye was swelling grotesquely and there was some question if referee Lou Moret would stop the proceedings. All in all, it was an unspectacular encounter.

The decision was unanimous, with Vinnie Rainone scoring 118-109, Ric Bays 118-109, and Harmodio Cedeno 119-110. *The Ring* had Daniels by 119-110. Daniels is 19-1 (18). Bodzianowski fell to 23-4-1 (19).
(7-19-90)

Bill Tuthill

LINDELL HOLMES-CARL SULLIVAN

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—On the same card as Daniels-Bodzianowski, Holmes, 167, Detroit, defended the IBF super middleweight crown against journeyman Carl Sullivan, 166½, Homestead, Pennsylvania, in a scheduled 12-rounder.

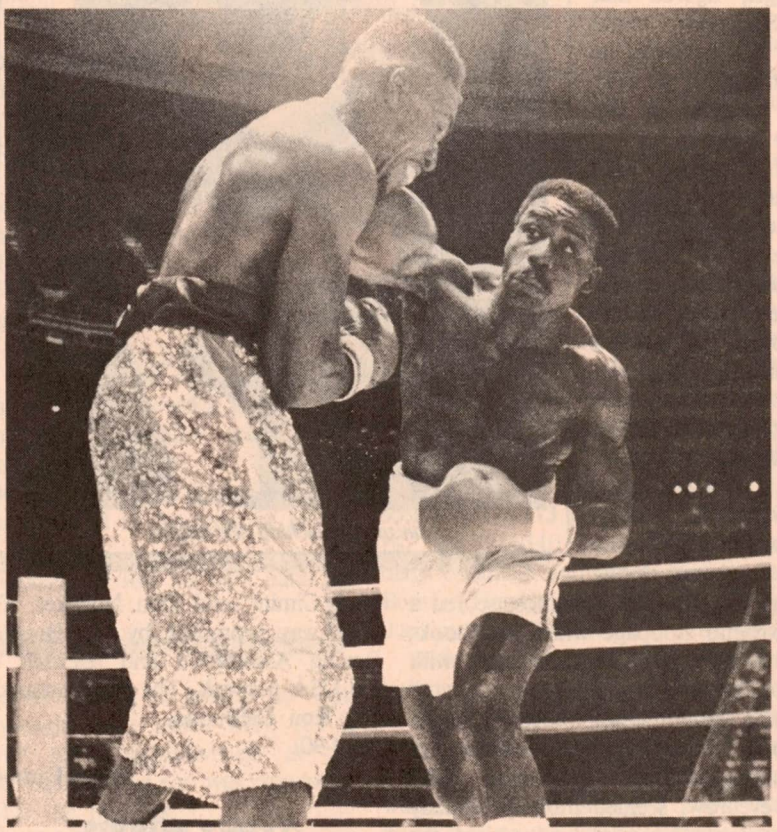
Sullivan entered the ring wearing bright yellow sequined trunks that fell below his knees, and boxing shoes to match. The challenger tried his best and gave a splendid effort, but was well overmatched.

Holmes, making his first defense since taking the title with a win over 1984 Olympic gold medalist Frank Tate, put Sullivan down in the third and had him wobbled and hurt in the fourth. Sullivan was staggered again in the sixth, and in the seventh Holmes smashed Sullivan so hard to the jaw that the challenger's mouthpiece went spinning into the crowd.

Sullivan had his best moments in the eighth, when he caught Holmes with a series of lefts and rights. By the ninth, Sullivan was once again hurt badly, and Holmes responded with four unanswered booming right hands that sent Sullivan face-first to the canvas. Referee Lou Moret immediately called an end at 45 seconds of the ninth round.

Holmes 42-5 (36), said he now wants to fight Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns, and Roberto Duran. Sullivan dropped to 11-2 (7).
(7-19-90)

Bill Tuthill



Holmes knocked the sequins out of Sullivan

JEFF LAMPKIN-SIZA MAKHATHINI

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA—In his first defense of the IBF cruiserweight title, Lampkin, 35-13-1 (30), knocked out mandatory challenger Makhathini at 2:04 of the eighth round at the St. Petersburg Hilton.

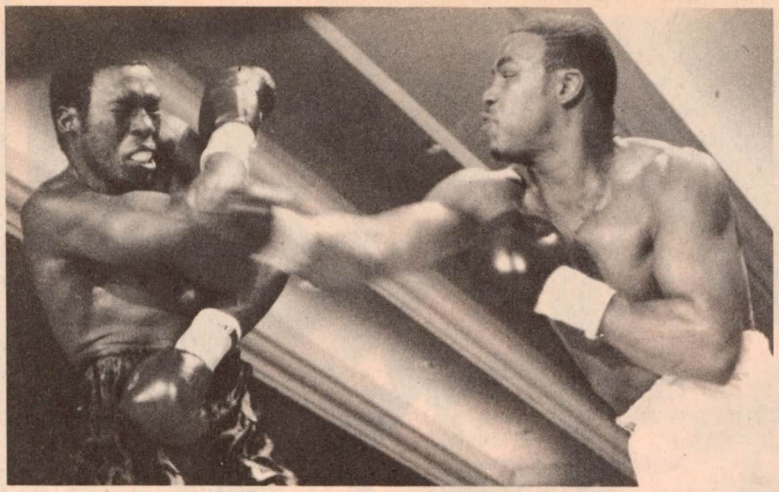
After a cautious opening, during which Lampkin stalked the circling challenger and occasionally flicked out light jabs, the champion stepped up his attack. Lampkin refused to go head-hunting, his target being the ribcage. A combination of body blows ended it, with the most devastating punch a gut-crunching left hook. Makhathini sagged to the canvas and was unable to beat the count of referee William Connors, though he appeared lucid and wide-eyed.

Harold Volbrecht, Makhathini's trainer, said, "He's okay. He just had his wind knocked out by a powerful bodypuncher. A lot of good fighters have been beaten by [Lampkin] that way."

Trainer Victor Valle explained Lampkin's cautious opening pace.

"We didn't expect Makhathini to be running," he said. "Usually he comes right at you. We had to slow things down so he would come in."

The loser's best rounds were the sixth and seventh, when he repeatedly backed up Lampkin with combina-



Lampkin was too strong for Makhathini

tions. But midway through the final round, he opted for an exchange of body shots, and that marked the beginning of the end.

Makhathini, 16-4 (9), was stopped by Glenn McCrory in his first title shot last October. He remains the IBF Intercontinental cruiserweight champion. (7-28-90)

DENNIS ANDRIES-JEFF HARDING

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA—When Australia's Harding challenged Andries for the WBC lightweight title in Atlantic City in June 1989, he had to come from behind with a 12th-round TKO to win. A little over a year later, at the National Tennis Centre, the roles were reversed.

Entering the seventh round, Andries, 174½, appeared to be in trouble. Round six had been a bad one for him. He was punished, and he was exhausted. There was no way he could have traveled another six rounds.

"It is this round seven or else, " he was told. "There will be no round eight."

So he came out punching. He sent Harding back to the ropes. Then Andries started to lose his fire. Almost in desperation, he bowled a right over the top, a sucker punch that landed. It did the damage. Harding, 174¾, was dazed. Andries gathered hmiself and continued belting. Down went Harding, flat on his back. The champion drew himself to a sitting position and had one knee still on the canvas as referee Arthur Mercante Sr. reached the dismal decimal.

Andries had won the first two rounds, and Harding the next four. Judges Chuck Giampa and Tom Kaczmarek both had Harding ahead 58-56 at the end of the sixth session. (Their scoring was the same as *The Ring's*.) Judge Jose Guerra had it 57-57.

In eight-rounders, Ken Carter, 139¼, outpointed Brian Williams, 140.

Craig Trotter, 160, outpointed John Bogolin, 158¼.

Shane Delaney, 160½, outpointed Guy Murdoch, 157¾.

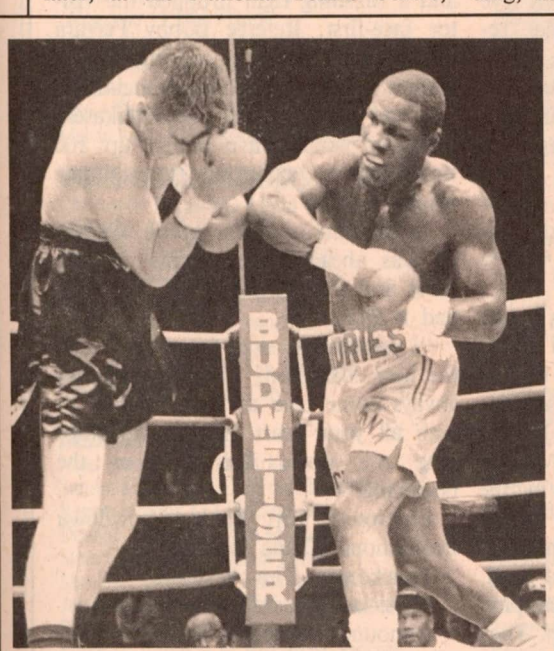
Jason Murphy, 119¾, outpointed Lucas Mathew, 119½.

Promoted by Bill Mordey's Classic Promotions

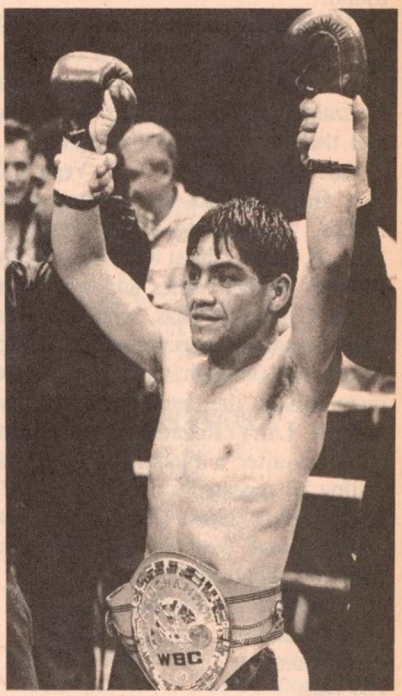
Attendance: 7,500 (estimated)

(7-28-90)

Ray Mitchell



Andries-Harding: Sweet payback



"Chiquita" wins again

HUMBERTO GONZALEZ-JUNG KEUN LIM

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA—In his second Los Angeles appearance in seven weeks, "Chiquita" Gonzalez thrilled his growing legion of fans by stopping Korean tough guy Lim in the fifth round, retaining the WBC light flyweight title. Referee Rudy Ortega called a halt at 34 seconds of the round to prevent the inevitable knockout. A section of the crowd thought that the stoppage was premature, but Lim was clearly losing ground, and Ortega saved the gutsy Korean from further abuse.

Lim came out fighting in the first, obviously unimpressed by the reputation of Gonzalez. The champion seemed a little surprised and was warned twice for low blows. By the second round, Gonzlaez was throwing harder and more effective punches, especially left hooks to the head and body that began to sap Lim's strength. The action heated up in the third, and a tremendous flurry of punches near the end of the round had Lim covering up. He bounced right back in the fourth, pinning Gonzalez, 107¼,

against the ropes for most of the round and scoring with regularity. But with 20 seconds left, Gonzalez caught Lim, 107½, flush on the jaw with three lefts, and the Korean fell to the canvas. He managed to survive the round.

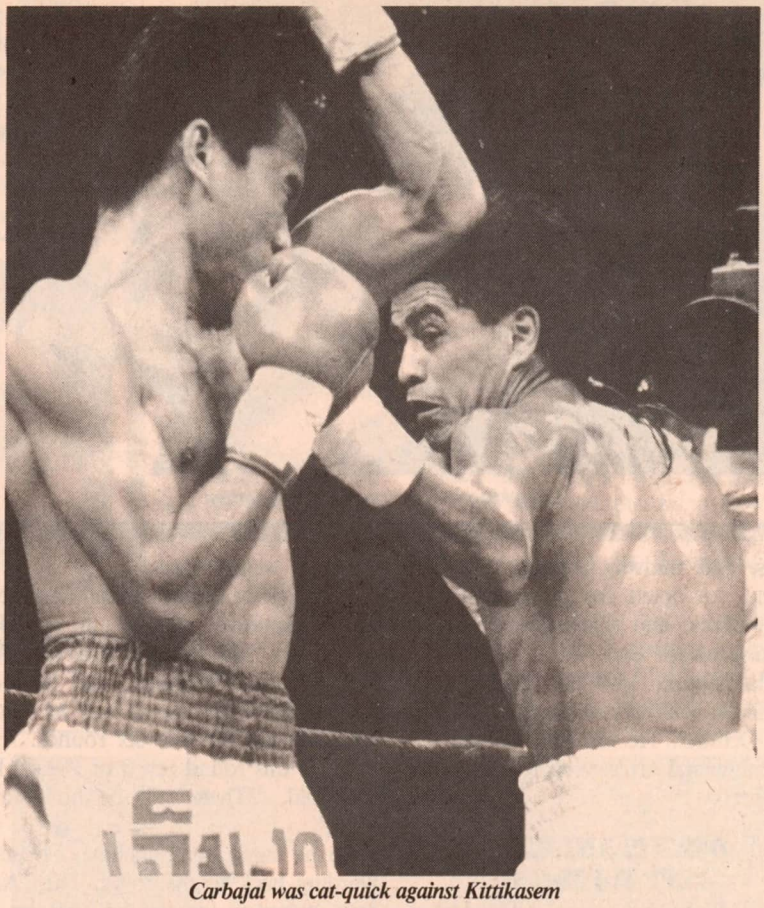
Gonzalez remained unbeaten at 28-0 (22), while Kim fell to 12-5 (4).

The champion's camp indicated that Gonzalez would fight every few weeks and then move up to flyweight.

Late-substitute Jose Luis Vega Gil, 118, Bell, stopped the favored Mike Phelps, 117, Galena Park, Texas, at 2:45 of round eight. Gil was coming off four straight losses and was filling in for Claudemir Dias, who failed the state neurological examination. Phelps boxed well enough, but could never quite contain the determined Mexican. Referee Larry Rozadilla stopped the slaughter after a bloodied Phelps was getting hit repeatedly by Gil, 15-7 (12). Phelps fell to 29-4-1 (7). The bout was a first-round bout in the Budweiser bantamweight tournament.

Promoter: Forum Boxing
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
Attendance: 7,187
(7-23-90)

Michael Hepworth



Carbajal was cat-quick against Kittikasem

MICHAEL CARBAJAL-MUANGCHAI KITTIKASEM

PHOENIX, ARIZONA—Carbajal became the first 1988 Olympian to win a world title with his dramatic knockout of Thailand's defending IBF light flyweight titlist Kittikasem. Making his fourth defense, Kittikasem was battered into defeat at 14 seconds of the seventh frame.

More than 8,400 fans screamed for hometown hero Carbajal, who drew a record Arizona gate of $250,732. They were rewarded with a fine brawl that was broadcast live by ABC and via satellite to Thailand. Both contestants weighed in at the 108-pound limit, but Carbajal made it easily, while Kittikasem was weakened by last-minute efforts.

In round one, Carbajal scored with jabs and got in the first body punches—uppercuts—and solid rights. Kittikasem punched back and even occasionally outjabbed Carbajal. But in every other department except courage, it was the challenger who carried the heavy guns.

Both fighters pumped combinations through the second, as Kittikasem found his rhythm. Carbajal was missing a lot with bombs, but stole the round with solid flurries at the end.

Kittikasem's assault carried the third, and in the fourth, the Thai's sticks had Carbajal retreating, with his left eye cut and looking bad. Carbajal responded to the threat perfectly, dropping Kittikasem with a short left uppercut. The champion jumped up, but on wobbly legs. Carbajal charged in and fired, and if not for the ropes, Kittikasem would have fallen again. The bell granted a reprieve, and Kittikasem returned to his corner with a bloody nose.

Kittikasem used pressure jabs in the fifth, but he was soon wobbled again. Carbajal began to concentrate on the body, and Kittikasem's composed appearance belied the punishment he was taking.

Kittikasem pressured again in the sixth, while Carbajal backed to the strands and waited. When the challenger saw some space, he punched hard. A couple of rights put the champion down, but again he got right up. They met in center ring, with both throwing to end the fight. Carbajal connected with a dozen right hand mini-missiles, and Kittikasem reeled on the ropes until the bell.

At the start of the seventh, an uppercut drove Kittikasem into the ropes, and a finishing right dropped the visitor face-first. Referee Bobby Ferrara did the right thing by waving it over without a count. The three-knockdown rule had been waived, and Kittikasem probably would have gotten up 100 times without changing the ultimate result.

At the time of the stoppage, Carbajal was ahead by six points on two cards and five on the other. *The Ring* had it 59-53.

"I wanted this since I was six," said the new champion. "Your dream can always come true as long as you go with all your heart. There's no stopping me now. This is just the beginning."

Promoter: Top Rank, Showdown Promotions (Diana Griffin)
Timekeeper: Tim Ackerman
Physician: Dr. Howard Richie
Announcer: Michael Buffer
Attendance: 8,675
(7-29-90)

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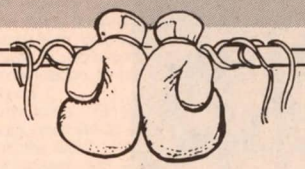
WORLDWIDE RESULTS



HEAVYWEIGHTS
Razor Ruddock KO 3 Kimmuel Odum
Tim Witherspoon W 10 Jose Ribalta
Carl Williams KO 5 Melton Bowen
George Foreman KO 3 Ken Lakusta
Ray Mercer W 12 Bert Cooper
Tony Tucker KO 5 Mike Rouse
Tony Tubbs KO 6 Mike Cohen
Pierre Coetzer KO 2 Johnny DuPlooy
Mike Weaver KO 5 Dion Burgess
Mike Hunter KO 4 Jimmy Thunder
Bruce Seldon KO 7 John Morton
Trevor Berbick KO 6 Jeff Sims
Oliver McCall W 10 Lionel Butler
Lennox Lewis KO 2 Mike Acey
Jimmy Thunder KO 10 J.B. Williamson
Bobby Crabtree KO 1 Herman Jackson

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Jeff Lampkin KO 8 Siza Makhatini
(Retains IBF Title)
Massimiliano Duran W Disq. 11 Carlos DeLeon
(Wins WBC Title)
Robert Daniels W 12 Craig Bodzianowski
(Retains WBA Title)
James Pritchard KO 7 Rick Enis
Alfred Cole W 10 Jesse Shelby
Apollo Sweet W 12 Jack Johnson

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Dennis Andries KO 7 Jeff Harding
(Regains WBC Title)
Tom Collins KO 9 Eric Nicoletta
Uriah Grant KO 8 Sakkie Horn
Aundrey Nelson W 12 Marcellus Allen
Drake Thadzi KO 3 Wesley Reid
Melvin Ricks KO 4 Roddy MacDonald

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Christophe Tiozzo KO 8 Paul Whittaker
(Retains WBA Title)
Lindell Holmes KO 9 Carl Sullivan
(Retains IBF Title)
Carl Sullivan KO 6 Pete Seward
Victor Cordova KO 2 Jean-Noel Camara
Rafael Williams KO 7 Jose Luis Estevens
Larry Musgrove W 10 Tim Williams
Lou Cafaro KO 5 Rod Carr

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Nigel Benn KO 1 Iran Barkley
Sumbu Kalambay KO 9 Frederic Seillier
Reggie Johnson KO 10 Eddie Hall
Donald Curry KO 4 Jose Martinez
Steve Collins KO 6 Fermin Chirino
Matthew Hilton W 10 Knox Brown
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Roy Jones KO 1 Tony Waddles
Eduardo Contreras W 10 Marcelo Sanchez
Wilford Scypion KO 4 Robert Green
Carlos Cruz KO 8 Rollin Williams

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Gianfranco Rosi W 12 Darrin Van Horn
(Retains IBF Title)
Terry Norris W 12 Rene Jacquot
(Retains WBC Title)
John David Jackson W 10 Brinatti Maquillon
Art Serwano KO 9 Ernie Valentine
Glenn Wolfe KO 2 David Davis
Romolo Casamonica KO 11 Giuseppe Leto
Raymundo Torres Jr. W 12 Roman Nunez
San Juan Gutierrez W 12 Donnie Poole
Hitoshi Kamiyama KO 2 Tomoo Suzuki
Victor Davis KO 2 Pat Cutaneo

WELTERWEIGHTS
Maurice Blocker W 12 Marlon Starling
(Wins WBC Title)
Meldrick Taylor W 10 Primo Ramos
Buddy McGirt W 10 Jose Bermudez
Engels Pedroza KO 9 Augustin Caballero
Donovan Boucher KO 1 Marvin Ladson
Patrizio Oliva W 8 Jorge Tejeda
Jorge Vaca KO 2 Ali Sanchez
Eric Hernandez KO 6 Robert Wangila
Romallis Ellis KO 4 Paul Gentry
Cassius Clay Horne KO 2 Martin Galvan
Anthony Bryant KO 3 Kenny Gould

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Loreto Garza W 12 Juan Coggi
(Wins WBA Title)
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 2 Razor Akney Addo
(Non-Title Bout)
Hector Camacho W 12 Tony Baltazar
Roger Mayweather W 10 Terrence Alli
Vinny Pazienza W 10 Greg Haugen
Louie Lomeli W 10 Edwin Curet
Harold Brazier W 10 Anthony Stephens
Charles Murray KO 4 Alfredo Rojas
Pat Barrett KO 1 Juan Nunez

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Pernell Whitaker KO 1 Juan Nazario
(Wins Unified Title)
Miguel Gonzalez W 10 Mario Martinez
Darryll Tyson W 12 Rocky Balboa
Tae Jin Moon KO 9 Rolando Navarette
Sharmba Mitchell KO 5 Freddie Sevilla
Mike Grow W 12 Dana Roston
Nigel Wenton D 10 Bryant Paden
Jesse Williams W 12 Alphonso Walker
Keny Vice KO 2 Antonio Carter
Kelcie Banks KO 2 Juan Carlos Nunez

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Felix Gonzalez Tech. Dec. 8 Juan LaPorte
Alfred Rangel W 10 Jose Sanabria
Javier Marquez KO 7 Tommy Cordova
Rowdy Welch KO 7 Fili Montoya
Eugene Speed KO 3 Irving Mitchell
Juan Baldwin W 10 Jorge Romero

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Rafael Zuniga KO 9 Manuel Mejia
Rafael Ruelas KO 9 Job Walters
Rafael Ruelas KO 1 Rocky Alonso
Manuel Medina W 10 Stevie Cruz
James Leija KO 1 Ricky Alvarez
Francisco Arreola W 12 Amos Cowart
Kennedy McKinney W 6 Jose Martinez

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Paul Banke KO 12 Ki Jun Lee
(Retains WBC Title)
Jesse Benavides W 10 Diego Avila
Edel Geronimo W 10 Ceasar Zulueta
Miguel Arrozal W 10 Jesus Poll
Jose Vegagil W 12 Georgie Garcia
Felix Camacho W 12 Daryl Pinckney
Alberto Martinez KO 8 Pedro de la Cruz

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Orlando Canizales KO 5 Eddie Rangel
(Retains IBF Title)
Eun Shik Lee KO 8 Downrung Chuvatana
Victor Rabanales Tech. Dec. 7 Cardenio Ulloa
Joichiro Tatsuyoshi KO 7 Samuel Duran
Gaby Canizales D 10 Francesco Valdez
Junior Jones W 8 Anthony Barella

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Kid Akeem KO 8 Claudemir Dias
Thanomsak Sithbaobay KO 1 Lee Sang Won
Jose Ruiz KO 1 Ramon Pichardo
Ray Paciones KO 4 Tacy Macalos
Johnny Tapia KO 9 Jose Felix Montiel
Alberto Castro W 10 Luis Chanis

FLYWEIGHTS
Leopard Tamakuma KO 10 Yul Woo Lee
(Wins WBA Title)
Yong Kang Kim KO 6 Mario Parcon
Romy Navarette W 10 Ferras Taborat
Kotaro Hayashi KO 7 Mitsuo Kawashima
Willy Salazar KO 9 Isaias Zamudio
Jerry Penalosa D 10 Ric Siodora
Pat Clinton W 12 Salvatore Fanni
Alfred Kotei W 12 Danny Porter
Yury Arbachakov KO 7 Jung Eui Yun
John Michael Johnson Tech. Dec. 5 Javier Diaz

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Michael Carbajal KO 7 Muangchai Kittikasem
(Wins IBF Title)
Humberto Gonzalez KO 5 Jung Keun Lim
(Retains WBC Title)
Nam Hoon Cha W 12 Bert Refugio
Juan Torres KO 12 Julio Coronel

STRAWWEIGHTS
Pretty Boy Lucas W 10 Yasuo Yogi
Rafael Torres W 12 Hunsi Ray

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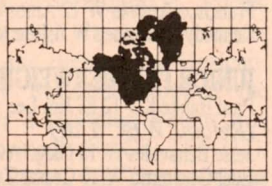

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

INGLEWOOD—Great Western Forum—It was a big night for **Quincy Taylor**, 153½, Dallas, as he captured the Budweiser super welterweight title, the IBC junior middleweight title, and $75,000 for stopping Argentine strongman **Mario Gaston**, 152¾, in round seven. Taylor, 14-1, dominated from the opening bell, dishing out jabs from the center of the ring that kept the frustrated Gaston at bay. Gaston, Cordoba, 23-1 (13), kept trying wild bull tactics, and with the crowd solidly behind him, managed to pin Taylor in a corner at the end of the fourth.

Gaston began to tire quickly after that, and in the sixth he was hurt by a series of lefts. Still feeling the after-effects in the seventh, Gaston was floored for the first time in his career by a combination. After he went down for a second time, referee Chuck Hassett stepped in at 45 seconds of the round.

World-class Louie Espinoza, 127, Phoenix, stopped former contender Enrique Sanchez, 127, Dominican Republic, in the fifth round. Espinoza, 35-4-1 (29), looked in top form, drawing blood over the left eye of Sanchez in the first round. This enraged Sanchez, 49-12-1 (35), who took the fight to Espinoza with some powerful shots to the body. Espinoza dominated in the fourth and flattened Sanchez in the opening seconds of the fifth. Sanchez shot up at 10, but referee Vince Delgado stopped the fight 13 seconds into the round. The stoppage had Sanchez, his corner, and the crowd outraged.

African import Dave Kamau, 142½, Los Angeles, 7-0 (6), kayoed Damon Franklin, 144, Palmdale, 2-4 (2), in the first round.

Steve Mwema, 118¼, Los Angeles, 10-0-1 (5), won a tough four-round decision over Jose Arrreola, 119, Los Angeles, 3-1 (3).

Jorge Rodriquez, 126, Bell, 13-22-3 (2), won an action-packed split decision over Richard Abila, 126, Las Vegas, 15-5 (8).

Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
(7-9-90)

Michael Hepworth

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COOLIDGE HIGH SCHOOL FIELDHOUSE—After exchanging bombs in the first round of the main event, localite **Gerry Payne**, 157, stopped **Allen Glover**, 156, Pittsburgh, 0-1, with a powerful right at 2:45 of the second. Payne is 2-0 (1).

Tom Pressely, Washington, D.C., 3-3, dropped a four-round majority decision to Eric Podolak, 10-1 (4).

Elwyn Kemp, 146, Washington, D.C., 1-0, looked impressive winning a four-round majortiy decision over Rodney Coles, 146, Newport News, Virginia. Referee: Karl Milligan.

Hometowner Kevin "No Joke" Fullington, 165, 7-0, blasted out Clarence Davis, 164, Newport News, 5-1, at 2:53 of the first. Referee: Milton Greene.

In the walkout bout, local light heavyweight Dexter Mason, 175, scored two knockdowns en route to a four-round unanimous decision over Phillip Daniel, Newport News, 1-1. Mason is 6-4. Referee: Sylvester Stevens.

Promoter: Maness Connections
Matchamker: Cleveland Burgess
Ringside Physicians: Dr. Doris Brown, Dr. Darren Cross, Dr. Donald Shell
Judges: Paul Artisst, Peggy Chandler, Norvel Lee
Announcer: Tom Mills
Attendance: 200 (estimated)
(6-9-90)

Eric Bottjer

COOLIDGE HIGH FIELDHOUSE—After five close rounds, **Daryl Lattimore**, 147, cut **Victor Davis**, 147½, above his right eye in the sixth, then seized control of the fight and won a 10-round unanimous decision. The scores: 99-91 (twice) and 96-94. Sylvester Stevens refereed.

A pairing of two former national amateur champions lived up to promise as Lyndon Walker, 136, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over Anthony Suggs, 136½, Alexandria, Virginia, in a sensational six. Referee: Marshall Cunningham.

Lefty Keith Holmes, 148, Washington, D.C., thoroughly thrashed tough Anthony Ross, 147½, Alexandria, for a six-round unanimous win. Referee: Karl Milligan.

Promoter: Gary Lampkin
Matchmaker: Harold Moore
Attendance: 1,200 (estimated)
(6-15-90)

J.R. Jowett

CONVENTION CENTER—USBA flyweight champion **Louis "Heidi" Curtis**, 111, Washington, D.C., lost the title when doctors stopped his fight with Puerto Rican **Pedro Feliciano**, 112, after five rounds because Curtis' left eye had swelled nearly shut. The swelling, caused by what most ringsiders thought was a clash of heads, started in the third round. It not only surrounded Curtis' eye, but spread to his forehead and almost to his left ear. It looked as if he had been hit by a baseball bat. Curtis, 13-5, was leading on all cards, 49-46 (twice) and 48-47. Feliciano is 11-7. Referee: Ray Klingmeyer.

Localite Sharmba Mitchell, 135, scored a fifth-round TKO over Eric Podolak, 135, Pittsburgh. The 19-year-old Mitchell, 17-0 (7), looks like a future contender.

Gerry Payne, 154, Washington, D.C., won all six rounds in his points win over James Calvin Moody, 148, Portsmouth, Virginia. Moody, who had fought three days earlier, took a beating, but remained on his feet.

Elwyn Kemp, 142, Washington, D.C., stopped Jeffery Graffius, 137, Pittsburgh, 35 seconds into the second round.

Demetrius Davis, 148, Washington, D.C., 2-2-1, won a lopsided decision over Walter "Mad Dog" Green, 152, Newport News, Virginia, 7-4.

Promoter: Capital City Sports
Matchmaker: Cleveland Burgess
Physicians: Dr. George Branch, Dr. Donald Shell
Judges: Earnest Green, Pat Montgomery, Sheila Martin
Attendence: 900 (estimated)
(7-3-90)

Eric Bottjer

FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE—Marina at St. Johns Place—**Alphonso "The Hawk" Walker**, 138¾, Jacksonville, 16-1-1, tuned up for a scheduled state lightweight title fight with an easy eight-round unanimous decision over inexperienced **Rod Blanks**, 136, Mobile, Alabama, 5-3-1.

Johnny "Malibu" Gutierrez, 156, Fort Myers, 22-3-1, kayoed John Garner, 150, Gretna, Louisiana, 8-6-1, at 1:24 of the fifth round.

Samson Cohen, 176, Hilton Head, South Carolina, 5-1, stopped Nasaru-Allah Abdullah Muhammad, 171¼, Pensacola, 1-1, at 2:59 of the second.

Ricky Rogers, 152, Pensacola, 15-2, won a four-round unanimous decision over Rodney White, 149¾, Mobile, 4-6.

Tony Cato, 145, Tallahassee, 2-0, unanimously outpointed Fernando Ruperto, 142¾, Orlando, 2-2.

Promoter: Big Time Boxing Promotions
Referees: Peter Bartlett, Telis Assimenios
Judges: Charles Van DeBoe, Richard Hillman, Jim Aylesworth, Ambrose Olliff
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(6-1-90)

FORT LAUDERDALE—Cardinal Gibbons High School—In a scheduled eight-round main event, promising cruiserweight **Phillip Jackson**, 195, Miami, 14-0 (12), kayoed **William Knorr**, 186, Gretna, Louisiana, 1:40 into the fight. After nailing Knorr with stiff jabs and powerful straight rights, Jackson smashed an overhand right high on the head that sent Knorr, 5-4, to the canvas for a 10-count.

Angelo Gray, 153, Hollywood, 9-2-2, stopped Ron Beasley, 156, Miami, 6-12, at 2:50 of the first; junior middleweights.

Dr. Harold "Hackie" Rietman, 205, Plantation, 4-1-1, stopped Abner Hyacinthe, 204, Miami, in the first round.

Richard Rivero, 139, Leisure City, 2-0, eked out a four-round majority decision over Flemmie Shropshire, 141, Homestead, 0-1.

Jose Santiago, 142, Miami, 1-0, won a four-round split decision over Leon Johnson, 149, Florida City, 0-1.

In another double-debut matchup, Bruce Gorman, 169, Fort Lauderdale, stopped Ricardo Zavala, 160, Homestead, at 1:02 of the first.

Promoter: Cavo Promotions
Referees: Eddie Eckert, Jorge Ortiz
Judges: Armando Garcia, Mark Conn, Irv Abramson
Attendance: 200 (estimated)
(6-1-90)

MIAMI—Mahi Shrine Temple—WBO bantamweight titlist **Israel Contreras**, 121½, Miami via Caracas, Venezuela, 32-2-1 (22), moved up in weight and kayoed former bantamweight champion **Wilfredo Vasquez**, 121¾, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, 34-6-2 (23), with a short right cross at 2:57 of the first.

The card also featured three Russian fighters who have been getting a lot of exposure on the USA Network.

Southpaw Yuri Vaulin, 207, Rigia, 6-0, had no trouble penetrating the cross-armed defense of Vale Payton, 204¼, Miami, 1-2, and stopped him at 1:20 of the second.

Serge Artemiev, 130½, Leningrad, 5-0, stopped a game but outgunned Michael McClendon, 132, Miami, 3-7-1, at 33 seconds of the fourth round.

For Joe Solis, 127, Hialeah, 2-2-1, fighting the Russians is becoming a frustrating routine. Less than two months ago, Solis lost a close but unanimous decision to Iouri Alexandrov. This time, he could do no better than a six-round draw against Alex Artemiev, 126, 4-0-1, Leningrad, in a tremendously entertaining slugfest. Mary Mosca scored 58-57 for Artemiev; Al Wilensky had it 59-57 for Solis, and Rick Bays scored 57-57. *The Ring* had Solis a 58-56 winner.

Angel Sanchez, 144, Leisure City, 13-0, won a six-round split decision over Angel Cordova, 142¼,

Miami, 9-2-1. Bays scored 58-56 for Cordova, but Mosca and Wilensky each carded Sanchez a 57-56 winner.

Segundo Mercado, 160¾, Brooklyn, 8-0, garnered a six-round unanimous decision over Johnnie McClendon, 156¾, Opalocka, 7-4-1.

Elvis Yero, 151, Miami Beach, 9-0, scored a four-round unanimous decision over Clinton Mack, 153¾, Miami, 4-7-2.

Promoter: Walter Alvarez
Referees: Bernie Soto, Juan Arias
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(6-19-90)

TAMPA—Hyatt Regency Downtown—**Freddie Pendleton**, 135, Miami Beach, easily defended the USBA lightweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over **Tim Brooks**, 134¾, Sacramento.

Every time Brooks, 12-7, landed a good shot, Pendleton, 26-17-3, landed a half-dozen or more before moving away. The scores: 119-109, 118-110, and 117-111.

In the co-main event, Ronnie Essett, 160½, Clearwater, 22-3-2, won the early and late rounds to win a majority decision over the fading Robbie Sims, 161, Brockton, Massachusetts. The final rounds were close, but Essett appeared to have the edge. Wilson Robinson scored 95-95, but Tom Brown and Derrell Brown scored 97-95 and 97-94, respectively, for Essett.

Phillip Jackson, 195, Miami, 15-0 (13), dropped Alvino Manson, 191, Indianapolis, 20-6, three times in the second round for a TKO at the 2:07 mark.

John Coward, 147¼, Ft. Lauderdale, made a successful pro debut with a third-round stoppage of Norman Garbriel, 138, Tampa, 6-3.

Ben Klingenstein, 147, Homasassa Springs, 6-5, TKO'd debuting Stedroy Bolus, 139, Miami, at 2:42 of the fourth.

Derrick Wilson, 155½, 3-0, scored a four-round unanimous decision over Ian Garrett, 156½, Winter Haven, 0-1.

Michael Harris, 193, Holiday, 5-0, needed only 44 seconds to stop Juan Castillo, 186¾, Miami.

Former Florida Golden Gloves champion Melvin Lewis, 123½, Miami, 1-0, won a unanimous decision over George Vera, 127, Holiday, 0-1.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions
Referees: Brian Garry, Max Parker, Frank Santore
Judges: Frank Skilbred, Fran Boyd, Bob Balogh, Tom Brown, Derrell Brown, Wilson Robinson
Television: USA Network
(6-26-90)

Ken Knox

GEORGIA

ROME—Memorial Gym—**Lee Fortune**, 147, Silver Creek, 12-0-1, won the Southern welterweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over **Larry Nichols**, 147, Pensacola, Florida. The scores: 120-104, 120-110, and 120-108. These two had fought to an eight-round draw on April 6.

Ricky Stackhouse, 163, Atlanta, stopped Randy Thomas, 165, Huntsville, Alabama, in the second round; super middleweights.

Junior welterweight Pat Johnson, 142, Atlanta, scored a second-round kayo over James Brandeman, 141.

John Soderman, 188, Los Angeles, stopped Ricky Shirley in three; cruiserweights.

Mark Smith, 132, Chattanooga, Tennessee, scored a first-round kayo over Kelvin Kennemore, 135.

Matchmaker: Jerry Hill
Promoter: Peachtree Productions
Referees: Wayne Pruitt, Ron Stevens
(6-30-90)

Jerry Hill

ILLINOIS

SPRINGFIELD—Joe Lipsey, 161, TKO'd Milwaukee's **Tony Golden**, 175.

Localite Larry Benson, 137, decisioned Forrest Winchester, 139, Columbus, Ohio, over six rounds.

John Perrault, Lansing, decisioned Chris Carney, 143, Mansfield, Ohio, over four rounds.

Miguel Saldana, 155, Albron, stopped Clarence Caldwell, Milwaukee, in the first round.

Joe Watts, 166, kayoed James Crumble, Milwaukee.

Matchmaker: Lindy Lindell
(6-22-90)

Thomas F. Paruszkiewicz

INDIANA

SOUTH BEND—National Guard Armory—**Victorio Belcher**, 150, South Bend, withstood an early assault to score a fourth-round TKO over **Bobby Brown**, 145, Memphis. Belcher, 35-3-1, spent most of the first two rounds against the ropes picking off Brown's punches, but came out of his cocoon in round three and used his height advantage to score from long range. In the fourth, Belcher continued to score well, and Brown finally fell from an accumulation of blows with 34 seconds left in the round.

Hardy Jones, 159, South Bend, kayoed the game but outgunned Rocky Vires, 151, Oklahoma City, at 1:12 of the fifth.

Kim Jackson, 133, Elkhart, won a six-round unanimous nod over Rico Hernandez, 135, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Marty Jakubowski, 135, Whiting, decisioned Vernon Garrett, Oklahoma City.

Randy Handshoe, 155, Kendallville, scored a second-round TKO over Curtis Clark, 158, Oklahoma City.

Promoter: John Colley
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Sean Curtin, Pete Podgorski
Judges: Fred Jones, Gary Merritt, Bill West Sr.
Attendance: 370 (estimated)
(6-22-90)

MERRILLVILE—All Stars America Sports Bar—Reminiscent of a bout from an early *Rocky* movie, **Sylvester Kennon**, 130, St. Louis, suffered a gash over his left eye in the opening round and was floored in the next two en route to losing the first five rounds vs. **John Lark**, 130, Gary, 16-2 (6). But in the sixth, the tide turned for good when Kennon, 26-12 (17), caught Lark with a left hook that enabled him to dominate the round. In the eighth, Lark was tagged again and referee Sean Curtin wisely stopped the contest 21 seconds into the round, giving Kennon a TKO and the Mid-American junior lightweight title.

Ron Collins, 160, LaPorte, Texas, ranked eighth by the IBF, danced and jabbed his way to a 10-round split decision over Jake Torrance, 157, Gary. Collins got the nod on Fred Jones' card, 100-90, and from Gary Merritt, 98-92, with John Wilson scoring for Torrance, 97-93.

Marty Jakubowski, 130, Whiting, TKO'd Stanley Thompson, 130, Yazoo, Mississippi, at 2:25 of the first round.

Leon Calvin, 175, St. Louis, TKO'd Jordan Keepers, 177, Milwaukee, at 2:58 of the third. Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks was at ringside to watch his son Leon fight.

Southpaw Fred Norwood, 125, St. Louis, was impressive with a six-round unanimous decision over tough Gerald Shelton, 130, Gary.

Promoter: Malcolm Garrett
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen
Referees: Sean Curin, Pete Podgorski
Judges: Fred Jones, John Wilson, Gary Merritt
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(7-10-90)

GREENSBURG—County Fairgrounds—Local hero **Craig "Golden Boy" Houk**, 144, Greensburg, 18-1 (6), kayoed **Daryl Brown**, 147, Colorado Springs, at 1:04 of the fourth round.

Kenny Brown, 146, Ft. Wayne, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Jorge Acosta, 147, Denver. The scores were 97-91 (twice) and 96-92.

In his pro debut, Jeff Gates, 138, Columbus, got a four-round nod over Vernon Garrett, 147, Oklahoma City.

Ray McDermotte, Des Moines, Iowa, TKO'd Ted Spencer, 152½, Osceola, Arkansas, at 1:08 of the second.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Bill Vaughn, Sean Curtin
Judges: Charlie Tudor, Mike Kelly, Lance Roberts
Attendance: 750 (estimated)
(7-21-90)

Gary L. Merritt

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE—Teamsters Hall—After fighting to a draw six weeks earlier, **Jake "The Snake" Smith**, 170, Arbutus, 4-1-1, outhustled **Kelly Bell**, 174, Pittsburgh, 5-3, to win a six-round unanimous decision. The scores were 59-56 (twice) and 58-56.

In the co-main event, **Butch Kelly**, 186, Baltimore, 6-2, stopped Greg Linver, 181, Pittsburgh, 2-4.

Keith Holmes, 149, Washington, D.C., 6-0, won a unanimous decision over Tom Alexander, 147, Pittsburgh, 10-2. The scores were 59-56 (twice) and 60-55.

Demetrius Davis, 154, Mitchellville, 1-2-1, drew with Doug Sesky, 160, Pittsburgh, 1-1-2, over four rounds.

David Woods, 158, Dale City, Virginia, 1-1-1, nearly knocked out Gerry Walker, 160, Baltimore, in the second and third rounds, but tired badly in the fourth. Walker, 1-2-1, rallied to pull out a draw.

In his pro debut, Pat Wassmouth, 182, Laurel, TKO'd Cliff McPherson, 183, Glen Burnie, 0-2, in the third round.

Promoter: Vicky Savaliski
Matchmaker: Josh Hall
Announcer: Tony Baldoni
Physician: Dr. Reed Pyeritz
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(6-1-90)

Eric Bottjer

PIKESVILLE—Pikesville Armory—Popular welterweight **Eddie Van Kirk**, 146¼, Baltimore, got an unexpected tough time from crafty southpaw **Felix DuBray**, 143, Omaha, as the two battled to a 10-round draw.

The bout lacked any sustained excitement but still held fans' attention, as both men engaged in a riveting chess match. Van Kirk followed DuBray monotonously around the ring, but was unable to do anything to him. Van Kirk's offense was limited to one shot at a time, which periodically heartened his fans and brought a trickle of blood from DuBray's nose.

The crowd was evenly divided, and the judges followed suit. Terry Moore had 97-94 for Van Kirk, Milton Greene 98-95 for DuBray, and Ray Klingmeyer 95-95. *The Ring* concurred with the stalemate. Frank Kelly refereed.

The co-feature left a stench as James "Hook" Williamson, 165, Akron, Ohio, faced touted localite Percy Harris, 164. Williamson came out and jolted Harris with a right in the first. But in the second, Williamson dropped suddenly from a short right uppercut and a flurry of glancing blows and showed no resolve to continue, which brought a chorus of boos from the crowd. The referee had no recourse but to rule a TKO at 2:41 of the second. The loser claimed some sort of injury, but no one is quite sure what.

In a huff-and-puffer, Scott Jones, 187, Baltimore, won a six-round unanimous decision over Robert Doyle, 189, Washington, D.C. Referee: Larry Barrett.

Cecil Sima, 168, Baltimore, hammered his way to a four-round unanimous decision over Ivan Edwards, 167, New York City. Referee: Karl Milligan.

Lefty Jose Garcia, 135, New York City, floored Casey McCready, 129¾, Glen Burnie, in the third round of his four-round unanimous decision victory. Referee: Greene.

Promoter: Baltimore Professional Bouts Inc.
Matchmaker: Johnny Bos
Attendance: 958
(6-7-90)

J. R. Jowett

ROCKVILLE—Holiday Inn Crown Plaza—After being in some tough wars recently, **Victor Davis**, Landover, TKO'd **Pat "The Italian Bomber" Cutaneo**, 153, Bayonne, New Jersey, in the second round.

"I always need the work, but I'm thankful for the early stoppage," said Davis, 153.

Cutaneo, 7-4-1, never went down, but his corner wisely threw in the towel at 2:48 of the second round. Referee Larry Barrett was set to stop the fight anyway.

Southpaw Tim "The Hammer" Hillie, 176, Washington, D.C., 9-0, registered a fourth-round TKO over Ric "The Bomber" Lainhart, 184, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 15-11. Referee: Milton Greene.

Phil Gilberti, 200, 11-4, stopped George "Nightmare" Wilson, 193, Wilmington, Delaware, 2-9, with hard body blows during an inside exchange. Referee: Frank Kelly.

John "Boy" Bizzarro, 142, Erie, Pennsylvania, son of former lightweight contender Lou Bizzarro, won a tough six-round unanimous decision over Chris Lucas, 148, Fredrick, 2-5-2. Bizzarro, 8-1-1, knocked down Lucas in the fourth with a leaping left hook.

Wilfredo De La Cruz, 134, Rockville, 3-4, won a four-round unanimous decision over Benny Collins, Germantown, 135, 0-2.

Jason Waller, 177, Stafford, Virginia, 3-0-1, stopped Robert "Jack of Heart" Jackson, 195, Hampton, Virginia, 9-25, at 2:58 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter: L.K.B Productions/Allen Baboian
Matchmaker: Don Elbaum
Judges: Karl Milligan, Larry Barrett, Frank Kelly, Milton Greene
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(7-16-90)

Fred Blumstein

MASSACHUSETTS

TAUNTON—Holiday Inn—**Mike Cappiello**, 130, West Bridgewater, 13-1 (5), met an old foe in the 10-round title bout in Holyoke's **Carmelo Hernandez**, 130. Cappiello had beaten Hernandez twice in the amateur ranks with regional titles at stake.

The taller Hernandez, 6-2-1 (4), won the first round by jabbing and staying away, but after that, Cappiello's relentless brawling attack simply wore him out. Cappiello pinned his adversary in a corner in the third round and pummeled him mercilessly with hooks and uppercuts. While Hernandez stayed upright, he couldn't find his corner after the bell.

The pattern never varied much after that, with Hernandez taking a fearful battering while stubbornly standing up. The decision was unanimous. Cappiello is the first dual New England champion, winning the vacant junior lightweight crown to go along with his featherweight belt.

A co-featured 10-rounder was a rematch for the New England light heavyweight title between champion Wesley Reid, 172, Boston, and Drake Thadzi, 171, Brockton. In January, Reid had knocked Thadzi cold to win the vacant crown. The rematch began slowly, but Thadzi, 17-3 (15), was outboxing Reid by the second frame. This time the thunderbolt came from the other direction, as Thadzi coldcocked Reid, 9-7-1 (7), at 43 seconds of round three.

"He did his homework the first time, and I did mine this time," said the new titlist.

Steve Manfredo, 154, Providence, 11-4, outworked Terry Crawley, 157, Hyannis, 10-12-2, for a unanimous decision over six rounds.

Francisco Martinez, 156, Lawrence, looked sluggish in taking a majority six-round decision over Bridgeport's Jose Vera, 162.

Louis Veador, 141, Providence, used a rough body attack to wear down debuting Rudy Cora, 143, Boston, and win a four-round decision.

In the opening bout, Somerville's slugging Mike Bonieslowski, 161, kayoed Boston's Tony Rivera, 160, at the end of the third round.

Referees: Nick Previti, Paul Casey
Judges: Lee Meador, Ed Marchand
Promoter: Goodwin A.C. (Al Valenti)
Attendance: 402
(6-22-90)

TAUNTON—Fighting before a hometown crowd for the first time in two years, **John Rafuse**, 19-12 (7), dominated **Rene Baillergeon** and stopped him in the third round to win the New England junior welterweight title.

Rafuse, 138, Malden, punished Baillergeon, 137, Springfield, with a relentless two-fisted body attack and hurt him at the end of the second round. In the third, Baillergeon, 3-3, couldn't keep the determined Rafuse, off him and finally fell from a barrage of punches. Upon the loser's rising, referee Ed Fitzgerald stopped the bout.

In the eight-round semifinal, New England featherweight and junior lightweight champion Mike Cappiello, Bridgewater, 14-1 (6), kayoed Willie Santiago, 132, Holyoke, 6-4 (3), at 2:20 of the first with a punch that was so fast, many people missed it.

Mike Bonieslowski, 159, Somerville, 5-6-1, outpointed Terry Crawley, 158, 10-13-2, Hyannis, over six rounds.

Steve Manfredo, 154, Providence, 12-4 (4), dominated Bridgeport's Jose Vera, 161, en route to a six-round unanimous decision.

Lewis Beador, 140, Providence, stopped Willie Alicia, 142, Norwalk, at 1:45 of the second round.

Five-time New England Gold Gloves champion Ray Olivera, 138, New Bedford, made a successful pro debut with a second-round kayo over Joe Gross, 139, Norwalk.

Boston's Wayne Jones, 183, easily outpointed Bridgeport's Ruben Cardona, 179, over four rounds.

Promoter: Goodwin A.C., Al Valenti
Referees: Ed Fitzgerald, Gerre Leone
Judges: Don O'Neill, Bill Connelly
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(7-27-90)

Jay N. Miller

MICHIGAN

LANSING—Welterweight **Roger Turner** won a vigorous eight-round decision over **Raul Torrez**, Cleveland.

Joe Lipsey, 161, Springfield, Illinois, TKO'd Milwaukee's Tony Golden, 175.

Localite Larry Benson, 137, decisioned Forrest Winchester, 139, Columbus, Ohio, over six rounds.

John Perrault, Lansing, decisioned Chris Carney, 143, Mansfield, Ohio, over four rounds.

Miguel Saldana, 155, Albion, scored a first-round kayo over Clarence Caldwell, Milwaukee.

Joe Watts, 166, kayoed James Crumble, Milwaukee.

Matchmaker: Lindy Lindell
(6-22-90)

DEARBORN—Hyatt Regency Ballroom—**James Toney**, 159, Ann Arbor, 20-0 (16), won the IBC middleweight championship with a four-round stoppage over last-minute sub **Ricardo Bryant**, 15-11 (10), Washington, Pennsylvania.

Locoalite Todd Riggs, 147, 4-0-1, drew with Frank Newton, 150, 4-2-1, Minneapolis, over four rounds.

"Irish" Mike Grable, 141, Clarkston, 9-0-1 (7), TKO'd Adam Henry, Tampa, Florida, 2-4-1 (1); welterweights.

Making his pro debut, Steve Thomas, 133, Pontiac, scored a first-round TKO over Brian Morrell, 0-1, Inkster.

Junior middleweight Kevin Hicks, 153, Detroit, 3-2 (2), scored a first-round kayo over Toby Tyler, Madison, Wisconsin, 6-9-2.

Detroit's Brian Thomas, 155½, 1-0-1, drew with Ron Woodley, Philadelphia, 1-0-1 (1).

Kronk hot prospect Oba Carr, 141, 6-0 (5), TKO'd Jerry Massey, 139½, Cincinnati, 5-13 (4), in the first round.

Promoter: Galaxy Promotions
Television: PASS Cable
(6-27-90)

AUBURN HILLS—USBA light heavyweight champion **Booker Word** effectively bulled his way inside and wore down the taller **Kemper Morton**, 174¾, Westerville, Ohio, 17-5-3 (12), stopping him with a series of short hooks and uppercuts in the ninth round.

Anthony Jones, 135, Detroit, 27-2-1 (16), scored three knockdowns over Cesar Martinez, 135, Zacapu, Mexico, 29-5-1 (9), en route to a second-round TKO. Referee: Sam Williams

Streaking Oba Carr, Detroit, 141, 8-0 (6), TKO'd former world title challenger Roberto Vasquez, 142, 29-10-3 (25), at 1:31 of the third round.

"Irish" Mike Grable, 10-0-1 (8), stopped Tyrone Mack, 144, Hamilton, Ohio, 4-5-1, at 2:53 of the second round.

Todd Riggs, 146, 6-0-1 (5), won a four-round unanimous decision over Anthony Bryant, 149, Nashville, Tennessee, 12-17-1 (4).

Making his pro debut, Jason Crutchfield, Cincinnati, TKO'd native son Leroy Mason, 135, 1-3, at 2:59 of the second.

Ron Morgan, 154, Cincinnati, 5-0 (3), wore down local favorite Kevin Whaley-El, 154, Highland Park, 3-4 (2), and captured a four-round unanimous decision.

Southpaw Virgil McClendon, 135, 8-0 (1), Columbus, Ohio, won a four-round unanimous decision over Martin Gallegos, 135, Los Angeles, 2-2 (1).

Promoter: Bill Kozerski
Matchmaker: Tommy Vacca
Television: USA Network
Attendance: 10,000 (estimated)
(7-10-90)

Thomas F. Paruszkiewicz

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL—Venetian Inn—Before another outdoor sellout crowd, junior welterweight **Mike "The Rice Street Rocker" Evgen**, St. Paul, 12-0 (6), stopped **Billy Betts**, Green Bay, 12-14-1, in the seventh round.

John "The Hog" Sargent, Maytowoush, 4-0 (4), stopped Horace Craft, Cudahy, Wisconsin, 2-2, in the second round; heavyweights.

Welterweight Walter Cowans Jr., Minneapolis, 19-58 (6), kayoed Frank Newton, St. Paul, 5-2-2 (1), in the fifth round.

In a junior welterweight bout, Bob Butters, White Bear Lake, 1-0 (1), stopped Danny Moser, Milwaukee, 0-1, in the third round.

Promoter: Erin Productions (Joel Montpetit and Jim Rogers)
Attendance: 1,800 (estimated)
(7-19-90)

George D. Blair

MONTANA

DODSON—Phillips County Fairgrounds—**Todd Foster**, 140, Houston, 13-0, returned to his home state and dropped **Felix DuBray**, 140, Omaha, in the first round, finally stopping him at 2:13 of the third in a scheduled 10.

John Welters, 152½, Denver, 21-3, unanimously outpointed John Edwards, 151, Billings, 5-7-2, over eight rounds.

Aaron Many Guns, 153, Calgary, lived up to his name in a four-round unanimous win over Russel Briggs, 149, Great Falls.

Rick Basler, 141, Denver, kayoed Shawn Gregory, 141, Missoula, in the second.

Prospect Lou Savarese, 225, Houston, knocked out Denver's Danny Ross, 188, at 2:59 of the opening frame.

Berry Basler, 187, Denver, 2-0, scored a third-round TKO over Vancouver's Rich Hueff, 197.

Promoter: HBA
Judges: Neal Kirkness, John Lefebre, Ken Kamph
Referees: Kevin McCarl, Dean Kromarek
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(7-4-90)

BUTTE—Butte Civic Center—Former WBC featherweight champion **Juan LaPorte**, 36-10 (19), lost a controversial eight-round technical decision to **Felix Gonzales**, 133, San Jose, California. The fight was supposed to be a tuneup for LaPorte, but an accidental clash of heads in the third round left him with a deep cut above the right eye.

Before the butt, LaPorte, 134, Brooklyn, was in command. The former champion sent Gonzales sprawling to the canvas in the second, and looked to be in position to end it early. But blood from the cut hampered LaPorte's vision and forced him to fight protectively. Referee Kevin McCarl summoned the ring doctor between each round and twice during some rounds to examine the wound.

Finally, with both fighters and McCarl himself awash in crimson, the referee stopped the contest on his own. Montana rules dictate that a fight stopped after the fourth round due to damage sustained by an accidental butt will be decided by a tally of the scorecards.

Gonzales, while unspectacular, was steadfast enough to have pulled ahead on the cards. A technical draw was declared, but later overruled when a copy of the state's updated rules showed that the protection provision to the fighter injured on an accidental butt was no longer in effect. LaPorte was having his wound stiched when he learned Gonzales had been declared the winner.

The undercard featured Russian fighters who are based in New York. Victor Egorov, 160, Yonkers, New York, 6-0 (5), edged Danny Perez, 160, Albuquerque, 5-1 (2), via six-round split decision.

Bobby Brewer, 131, Aurora, Colorado, 11-3 (7), scored an upset six-round unanimous decision over Serge Artemiev, 131, Yonkers, 5-1 (4).

Unheralded Roy Muniz, 126, Denver, 11-8-2 (7), rallied back from a first-round knockdown to win a four-round split decision over Alex Artemiev, 130, Yonkers, 4-1-1.

Yuri Vaulin, 211, Yonkers, stopped Joe Wade, 198, Bellingham, Washington, at 2:03 of the first.

Bob Gonyea, 160, Butte, 2-1, knocked down Sam Wilson, Salem, Oregon, three times in the opening frame for an automatic TKO.

Promoter: Montana Promotions Inc.
Referees: Kevin McCarl, Mick O'Brian
Judges: Neal Kirkness, Jimmy Shea, Gerald Dunban
(7-17-90)

Ed Walsh

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS—The Holiday Casino—**Michael Carbajal** overcame a rough second round before stopping Mexico's **Fernando Martinez** in the ninth frame. This was the final tuneup before Carbajal's shot at the IBF light flyweight crown.

Carbajal, Phoenix, 14-0 (8), subsequently became the first member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic team to fight for a world title when he defeated Muangchai Kittikasem in July.

In the second, the southpaw was effective as he roughed up Carbajal along the ropes and scored with combinations to the jaw. But even as he took the hardest shots of his career, Carbajal never lost his cool. And, before the round was over, the Olympian nailed Martinez, 35-6-2 (18), with a left, then backed him up with combinations.

From that point on, the future champion controlled the fight. By the seventh, Martinez had visi-

bly tired. He bled from cuts on his forehead, nose, and mouth, and his right eye was nearly closed.

In the ninth, Carbajal turned the gutty but outgunned Martinez into a punching bag, and referee Carlos Padilla stepped in.

Robert Wangila, 145, Las Vegas via Kenya, 12-0 (8), had trouble with his defense but settled down to TKO Jorge Hernandez, 148, Mexico, 10-8 (7), at 2:21 of the third round.

Scotty Olson, 112½, Las Vegas, 4-0 (2), used a liver shot to stop Manuel Martinez, 114, San Diego, 10-8-1 (5), at 1:41 of the first.

Eddie Cook, 118, Las Vegas, scored a first-round TKO over Jose Luis Vasquez, 121, El Centro, California.

Rodney Wilson, 134, Las Vegas, was on his way to an easy win against overmatched Refugio Alvardo, 136, Los Angeles, but the latter was the victim of an unintentional butt. When Alvardo couldn't continue, the bout was declared a technical draw.
(6-14-90)

LAS VEGAS—Bally's Resort Casino—**John Meekins**, who was on the verge of being knocked out, rallied back to win the NABF super lightweight title via 12-round unanimous decision over **Santos Cardona**, 18-3-12.

Meekins, 139, New York City, 22-2-2 (16), controlled the tempo for the first six rounds. However the tide changed in the seventh, when Cardona landed combinations to the head that left Meekins, 25, hurt and disoriented. Cardona, 140, kept up the pace and also won the eighth.

But Meekins weathered the storm and worked well on the inside the rest of the way. Although the verdict was unanimous, it wasn't as one-sided as the judges had it. Patricia Jarmon scored 117-112, Cindi Bartin-Hunter 117-109, and Spider Bynum 116-111.

In a scheduled eight-round bout, 1988 Olympic gold medalist Kennedy McKinney, 126, Las Vegas, 9-0 (6), had a good workout before exploding with TNT rights to deck Antonio Gonzalez, 126½, El Centro, California, 7-3-3 (3), three times in the seventh round for a TKO at 2:44.

Vince Phillips, 140, Las Vegas, 14-0 (10), outpointed Terry Ford, 140, Racine, Wisconsin, 8-2 (5), over six rounds.

Chris Sande, 160, Las Vegas, was knocked down in the second round, but totally dominated Steve Langley, 160, Racine, Wisconsin, 13-9-1 (9), to win a six-round unanimous decision.

Henry Martinez, 111, San Francisco, 3-0, won a close four-round decision over Abner Barajas, 113, Phoenix.

Television: Telemundo
(6-15-90)

LAS VEGAS—Dunes Hotel & Country Club—**Donald Stokes**, 138, Detroit, made an explosive Vegas debut with a six-round kayo of veteran **Anthony Fletcher**, 139, Philadelphia, 24-3-1 (8). Stokes, 17-0-1 (16), who lost only the second round, hurt Fletcher and cut him over the right eye in the third, and landed hard combinations to the head and body in the fifth.

In the sixth, he pinned Fletcher in a neutral corner and landed combinations that culminated with a jarring right and two lefts to the body. Fletcher, 31, pitched to the right and sagged to the canvas. Referee Carlos Padilla didn't bother to count, waving off the bout at 1:31.

Donnie Giron, 154, Denver, 9-1-2 (8), gunned down Albert Garcia, 155, Las Vegas, for a TKO at 1:23 of the third.

After a slow start, Ray Garcia, 140, El Mirage, Arizona, 4-3 (2), stopped Sean Malone, 137, Wallingford, Connecticut, 10-1 (9), when he scored a knockout at 1:01 of the third.

Todd Riggs, 147, Monroe, Michigan, TKO'd Ricardo Cardenes, 145, Los Angeles, at 2:25 of the first.

Clark Earls, 135, Las Vegas, made an impressive debut with a four-round unanimous decision over Filman Alvarado, 130, Los Angeles, 1-1.

Localite Darren Zenner, 160, won a four-round unanimous verdict over Enrique Perez, 160, Juarez, Mexico.
(7-2-90)

LAS VEGAS—Hilton Hotel-Casino—**Manuel "Mantecas" Medina**, 128, Tijuana, who could be the next Mexican star, scored an impressive 10-round victory over former WBA featherweight champion **Stevie Cruz**, 128, Fort Worth, Texas, 34-5 (10). The 19-year-old Medina's win came before stablemate Jorge Paez fought to a 12-round draw with Troy Dorsey.

After losing the first round on two cards, Medina, 34-3 (18), who overcame a cut near his left eye in the fourth, won eight of the remaining nine rounds. He dictated the tempo and scored consistently with combinations. The scoring was 98-92 (twice) and 97-93.

Admittedly disgusted with his non-effort, Cruz, 28, told manager David Gorman, "I just might retire."

Les Fabri, 126, Las Vegas, 13-3-2, rallied to score an eight-round unanimous decision over Fernando Teran, 127, Mexico City, 31-6 (22).

Tui Toia Adioa, 232, Wichita, Kansas, 8-1, won a tough six-round split decision over David Dixon, 237, Los Angeles, 6-1.

C.J. Duffy, 149¾, Sulphur Springs, Texas, 11-6, TKO'd Robert McRary, 146, Las Vegas, at 1:18 of the first.

In a four-rounder, David Sample, 141, Las Vegas, 6-0, turned back Hector Ramirez, 143, Los Angeles, 15-6.

Ricardo Franco, 127½, Tijuana, 2-0, won a four-round majority decision over Amador Martinez, 131, Tijuana, 3-4.
(7-8-90)

LAS VEGAS—Dunes Hotel & Country Club—**Engels Pedroza** faced a wild night before gaining an eighth-round TKO over unorthodox **Augustin Caballero**, 148½, Los Angeles via Panama. Caballero not only used his head recklessly, but he bit the transplanted Venezuelan twice on the shoulder.

Pedroza, 149½, Henderson, 31-2 (30), dropped Caballero, 19-4-1 (13), in the sixth, and dished out the heavy artillery in the eighth. During a furious exchange in Pedroza's corner, Caballero injured his right hand. Referee Richard Steele recognized Caballero's dilemma and stopped the bout at 2:59.

In the scheduled eight-round semi-windup, Jesse James Leija, 128, San Antonio, 13-0 (7), took the best shots of Bobby McCarthy, 125½, Cliffside, New Jersey, 10-2-1 (5), and stopped him with a left-right to the jaw at 39 seconds of the fifth round.

Danny Perez, 140, Paramount, California, 8-0 (3), won a four-round unanimous decision over Arthur Blackmore, 141, Mesa, Arizona, 10-7 (3).

Clark Earls, 138½, Las Vegas, 2-0, won a narrow four-round decision over Manuel Mosquede, 138¼, Las Vegas, 4-2.

Ramon Torres, 190, Las Vegas, 3-0, TKO'd Sergio Vasquez, 182, Mexico, 3-2 (1), at 2:23 of the first round.

Television: SportsChannel America
(7-16-90)

LAS VEGAS—Bally's Resort Casino—**Johnny Tapia**, irate over **Jose Felix Montiel's** flagrant butting, remained composed and dropped the challenger three times in the ninth round to retain the USBA super flyweight title via TKO.

Tapia, 114, Albuquerque, 19-0-1 (12), earned $6,000 for his second defense. Montiel, 113, a former Mexican champion now based in Los Angeles, is 16-5 (6).

Referee Carlos Padilla issued warnings when the foes repeatedly and sometimes deliberatly banged heads, but there were no point deductions.

Montiel's trips to the canvas marked the first time he had ever been down as a pro. For Tapia, it was the fourth straight kayo win over a fighter who had never before been down.

"They told us this guy [Montiel] was a dirty fighter, but he was worse than I expected," said Tapia.

In a major upset, Eric Hernandez, 147½, Phoenix, burst the bubble of Robert Wangila, 147, Kenya's 1988 Olympic gold medalist now living in Las Vegas, with a TKO at 27 seconds of the sixth round. Wangila, 12-1 (8), dominated the scheduled eight-rounder until Hernandez turned it around in the fifth, when he drove the African onto the ropes for a standing eight-count. Wangila hadn't recovered when he came out for the sixth, and Hernandez, 14-3 (11), quickly knocked him into a corner with a left-right-left, prompting referee Toby Gibson to halt the action.

Vincent Phillips, 140½, Las Vegas, 15-0 (11), stopped William Hernandez, 140, Sacramento, 8-3-1 (5), at 52 seconds of the sixth.

Kelcie Banks, 135, Las Vegas, 13-1 (9), dropped Juan Nunez, 136½, Los Angeles, 15-6 (7), twice in the first round and TKO'd him 52 seconds into the second.

Eddie Cook, 119, Las Vegas, 7-0 (7), stopped tough John Ramirez, 121, Oxnard, California, 5-3 (1), at 2:10 of the third round.
(7-27-90)

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Czyz was in the ring just for another payday. But he shocked the crowd, the national television audience, and **Andrew Maynard** as he dominated the NABF champion and stopped him at 42 seconds of the seventh round. Because Czyz, 177, Montgomery Township, had suffered a pinched nerve during training, the weight limit was relaxed and the title was not on the line.

It was apparent early on that Maynard, 176, Laurel, Maryland, was in over his head. He didn't land any meaningful punches as spent the first four rounds trying to circle and box. At the same time, the more experienced former champion Czyz consistently landed hooks to the body and head. Maynard, 12-1 (10), stood his ground in the fifth as both men landed good shots during bristling exchanges.

But by the sixth, Maynard, who had started to show signs of wear, was stunned by a hook to the head. In the seventh, Czyz, 36-5 (25), opened up with heavy artillery, and when Maynard tried to duck under a double left hook, Czyz nailed him with a crushing right that sent the Sugar Ray Leonard protege down for the count. Referee: Frank Cappuccino.

Localite Bruce Seldon, 214, beat up Tom Sandner, 218, Ocala, Florida, who quit after the second round. Referee: Rafael Ramos.

Prospect Alfred Cole, 188, South Orange, won an eight-round decision over Keith McMurray, 183¼, Las Vegas. Referee: Ramos.

Junior Jones, 118, Brooklyn, scored a second-round TKO over Angel Gonzalez, 117, Hartford. Referee: Cappuccino.

Charles Brewer, 158¼, Philadelphia, won a majority six-round decision over Willie Douglas, 160¼, Bay Shore, New York. Referee: Ramos.

Cole Meehan, 189, New York City, stopped Corey Coulter, 196, Greenwich, New York, at 2:53 of the first. Referee: Cappuccino.

Promoter: Bob Arum
Matchmakers: Ron Katz, Teddy Brenner
Television: ABC
Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
(6-24-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Giving a performance that was expected of him last December against Donald Curry, **Brett Lally**, 26-5 (16), defeated former IBF junior middleweight champion **Robert Hines**, 26-2-1 (18), to win the NABF junior middleweight title.

Lally, 153, Westland, Michigan, landed telegraphed punches, and attacked Hines like a bulldozer. Hines, 153, Philadelphia, could manage neither the movement nor the counters to stop him, and got clobbered. This continued until the fourth, when referee Rudy Battle stopped the scheduled 12-rounder at 1:51.

Nate Miller, 193, Philadelphia, scored a ninth-round TKO over Ed Smith, 193, Gary, Indiana, in a dreadfully boring fight.

William "The Hammer" Jones, 150, Philadelphia, stopped Jose Torres, 150¼, Hartford, before Torres knew what hit him The three-knockdown TKO came at 1:22 of the first, scheduled six. Referee: Battle.

Luis Andino, 141½, Catano, Philadelphia via Puerto Rico, struggled to a four-round unanimous draw with lefty Robin David, 136, New York City via Georgetown, Guyana. Referee: Tony Orlando.

Southpaw Virgil McClendon, 137, Columbus, Ohio, via Brigantine, taunted and outpointed a frustrated Tyree Johnson, 132, Philadelphia, over four rounds. Referee: Orlando.

Garfield McKenzie, 147, Camden, outpointed David Colon, 145, New York City via Sacramento, over four rounds. Referee: Orlando.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
TV: SportsChannel America
Judges: Jean Williams, Al DeVito, Eugene Grant; Harold Lederman replaced Williams for the title bout.
Announcer: Ed Derian
(6-25-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Castle—In a scheduled 10-rounder, **John Duplessis**, 141, New Orleans, continued toward a title shot with an eight-round stoppage of overmatched **Juan "Chegui" Torres**, 138¾, Hartford. Torres was dropped twice in the second, but hung around into the eighth, soaking up right leads and one-twos until felled twice more. Referee Frank Cappuccino finally stopped it.

"I've been a pro six years and never had my shot," said Duplessis, who is now managed by Butch Lewis. "I wonder when it's going to happen. That's what caused problems with my previous management."

"Diamond" Jim MacDonald, 181¾, Nashville, had to get off the floor in the second before scoring a fifth-round TKO over Mike DeVito, 190, Mentor, Ohio.

Glen Thomas, 164, Louisville via Wilmington, Delaware, won a one-sided six-round unanimous decision over Eric Cole, 167¾, Cincinnati.

Bernard Hopkins, 159½, Philadelphia, destroyed Khalif Shabazz, 159½, Hartford, knocking him cold with a right at 36 seconds of the first. Referee: Ted Pick.

Returning Russell Kain, 185¾, Staten Island, and Joe Pemberton, 183, Philadelphia, battled to a split draw in an action-packed four. The scoring: 39-37, 39-37, and 38-38. Lewis gave each a $100 bonus.

Matchmaker: Harold Weston Jr.
TV: Black Entertainment Television (BET)
Attendance: 250 (estimated)
(6-30-90)

J.R. Jowett

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's—**Riddick Bowe**, the 1988 Olympic super heavyweight silver medalist, overcame the sharp jabs of **Art Tucker**, 17-2-1 (13), and dropped him twice in the third round before referee Tony Orlando stopped the fight at 1:41 of the third in a scheduled 10-rounder.

Bowe, 18-0 (16), whose counter left hook initially dropped Tucker for a five-count, followed with two jabs and a right cross, knocking him down again. After Tucker, 217, Newark, rose at the count of nine, Bowe, 225, Brooklyn, muscled him to the ropes. But Orlando had seen enough and stepped in.

"The right cross is my small nuclear warhead," said Bowe, who earned the New York State heavyweight title.

Eugene Speed, 130½, Palmer Park, Maryland, 17-0 (13), scored a third-round kayo over Irving Mitchell, 130, Greenburg, North Carolina, 38-8 (28).

Elijah Tillery, 217, Albany, 22-3 (16), TKO'd Fred Whitaker, 245½, Charlotte, North Carolina, 13-2, in the fourth round.

Mike Ward, 152, Washington, D.C., 6-1 (3), won a six-round decision over Joe Gatti, 153½, Jersey City, 8-2 (7).

Kenny Whack, 153, Washington, D.C., 4-0 (1), won a six-round decision over Aaron Smith, 152, Rockville, Maryland, 5-3-1 (2).

Making his pro debut, Gerard Jones, 181½, Detroit, won a four-round decision over Bernard Jones, 177, Newark, 0-3.

Promoter: Gelb Promotions Inc
Television: CBS
Announcer: Ed Derian
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(7-8-90)

Joe Tintle

ATLANTIC CITY—TropWorld—Former junior welterweight and junior lightweight champion **Roger Mayweather**, 37-6 (24), resurrected his career with a 10-round unanimous decision over veteran contender **Terrence Alli**, 43-7-2 (17).

Mayweather, 140, Las Vegas, neatly sidestepped the aggressive Alli, 140, New York City, and drilled him with counter rights and lefts to earn a victory by scores of 98-92, 100-90, and 97-93.

In another scheduled 10-rounder, Charles Murray, 142, Essex County, survived a knockdown in first round and kayoed Alfredo Rojas, 142, New York City, at 1:14 of the fourth. Murray, 16-0 (8), paralyzed Rojas, 15-3 (6), with a right to the body and then put him away for good with two blazing rights.

After five rounds of non-stop action, Freddie Liberatore, 124½, Flushing, New York, stopped Frank Toledo, 124¼, Jersey City, in the sixth.

Lightweights Nigel Wenton, 136½, London, and Bryant Paden, 135½, Philadelphia, battled to a 10-round draw.

Promoter: Top Rank Inc.
TV: CBS
(7-15-90)

Robert Cassidy

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina—**James "Buddy" McGirt**, Brentwood, New York, exhibited his world-class ring generalship in a 10-round unanimous win over **Leonard Bermudez**, 147, Miami via Barranquilla, Colombia, 19-1-2 (18). Unfortunatley, McGirt, 50-2-1 (39), sustained a ruptured bicep tendon in his left arm that required surgery. The Long Island contender will be out the rest of the year.

The scoring: Eugene Grant, 98-92, Vinnie Rainone, 99-91, and Rocky Castellani, 96-93. Referee: Tony Perez.

Highly touted Adam Garland, 164, Piscataway, looked unimpressive in a 10-round decision over Michael Dale, 164, East Orange. Scores: Grant, 96-94, Rainone, 97-93, and Castellani, 98-92.

Regilio Tuur, 130, Whitestone, New York, won a six-round unanimous decision over Alberto Randon, 127½, San Antonio.

Bennie Amparo, 128, Philadelphia, dropped Alberto Zuluaga, 128, Miami, three times en route to a sixth-round TKO. Referee: Perez.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden
Matchmakers: Bobby Goodman, Pat Fleming
Television: CBS
Announcer: Ed Derian
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(7-22-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino—**Carl "The Truth" Williams**, 23-3 (18), made his first appearance since his first-round kayo loss to Mike Tyson in July 1989. His opponent, Florida's **Melton Bowen**, 16-2 (13), took the opportunity to make his presence felt in a big way. Bowen put up a good effort before getting knocked out.

Recently relocating to Philadelphia under new manager Lee Schley and trainer Wesley Mouzon, the Jamaican native put pressure on Williams, 229, from the start. Williams, New York City, circled and boxed, while Bowen, 213, trudged confidently after him. The fight was virtually even for the first four rounds. But in the fifth, as Bowen was beginning to look like he might spell upset, Williams dropped him with a right uppercut. When he went down a second time from a double-right over and under, referee Frank Cappuccino stopped the scheduled 12-rounder at 2:00.

John David Jackson, 158, Seattle, won a hard fought 10-round unanimous decision over stubborn Brinatti Maquillon, 157, Astoria, New York. The scores made it seem easier than it was: 99-90 (twice) and 97-91. Referee: Rudy Battle.

Localite Leavander Johnson, 133, TKO'd Johnny Glen Alvarado, 135, Philadelphia, at 1:26 of the second. Referee: Cappuccino.

Wilfredo Velez, 141, Bronx, New York, was lucky to get a majority win over John Jones, 141, Atlanic City, in a rugged four. The scores: 38-37 (twice) and 37-37. Referee: Battle.

Overrated Brian Bogdanski, 158½, Scranton, faded and struggled to a majority win over Pat Cavanaugh, 155¾, Schenectady, New York. The scores: 38-38 and 38-37 (twice). Referee: Cappuccino.

Irving Pierre Louis, 122, Brooklyn, TKO'd southpaw Tony Hamilton, 126½, Camden, at 1:16 of the second, scheduled four. Referee: Battle.

Attendance: 650 (estimated)
TV: USA Network
Announcer: Ed Derian
(7-24-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Castle—Black Entertainment Television seems to be escalating its activity with regular weekly boxing telecasts. But the quality of the matches will have to improve a bit if they are to challenge the established cable offerings of ESPN, USA, and SportsChannel.

Former WBA heavyweight champion **Tony Tubbs**, 245, Bascobel, Wisconsin, got a good workout from veteran trialhorse **Mike Cohen**, 219, Hilton Head, South Carolina, before scoring a TKO at 2:59 of the sixth round. Tubbs, who looked at least 10 pounds heavier than 245, was in control from the opening bell. Referee: Tony Perez.

Promoter Butch Lewis' pride, Glen Thomas, 163, Louisville via Wilmington, Delaware, stopped Eddie Tyler, 163, Plainfield, in the fourth round of a one-sided affair.

Touted lefty William Guthrie, 176, St. Louis, TKO'd Eric Cole, 174, Cincinnati, when he claimed an injured right hand after the first round. Referee: Rafael Ramos.

In a battle of Philadelphia southpaws, Ronnie Cooley, 122, completely outclassed Alberto Mercado, 123, en route to a four-round unanimous decision, four. Referee: Perez.

Patrick Frazier, 166, New York City, outboxed and outhustled Richard DeMarco, 167, Bronx, to win a close four-round unanimous decision. Referee: Perez.

Southpaw Ray Lathon, 173, St. Louis, blew away William Knorr, 174, Terrytown, Louisiana, with two knockdowns before Ramos stopped it at 2:37 of the first.
(7-28-90)

J.R. Jowett

NEW YORK

CANASTOTA—Roberts Street High School—This card kicked off the International Boxing Hall of Fame's inaugural induction weekend.

World-rated junior featherweight **Tracy Patterson**, 129, New Paltz, outclassed rugged **Carlos**

Vergara, 131, Massachussets, en route to a fourth-round TKO.

Willie Kemp, Troy, 167¾, TKO'd Fred Johnson, Brooklyn, 164½, with one second left in the fifth round.

Marnie Stamps, 150, Syracuse, won a four-round decision over Donald Wallace, 149¾, Hollis.

Danny Deschroser, 190, Quebec, Canada, TKO'd Tony Frazier, New York City, with 24 seconds left in the first round.

Ricky Thomas, 159, Albany, TKO'd Larry Broadus, 154½, Brooklyn, at 2:58 of the first.

Promoter: Florio-Patterson
Matchmaker: Ron Scott Stevens
Referees: Frank Adams, Mike Fillipelli
Judges: Don Ackerman, Don Nodecker, Tony DeSalvo
Television: Showtime
(6-8-90)

BINGHAMPTON—Broome County Centre—World-rated **Tracy Patterson**, 130, stopped **Sammy Ruiz**, Monticello, at 1:13 of the third round for his second kayo win in two weeks.

James Salerno, 202, stopped Aaron Brown, 216, Del City, Oklahoma, 55 seconds into the fourth round.

Localite Tim Igo, 207, stopped 6'10" Stanley Wright, Biddeford, Maine, 283½, at 1:32 of the second.

Nathan Williams, Bronx, scored a first-round TKO over Algier Williams, Knoxville, at 1:46 of the round.

Matchmaker: Johnny Bos
Promoter: Florio-Patterson
Judges: Don Ackerman, Don Nodecker, Wayne Rozen
Physicians: Dr. Donald Nash, Dr. Joel Schnore
(6-23-90)

Ed Maloney

QUEENS VILLAGE—Queens Theater—With the demise of live boxing at Gleason's Arena, adventuresome promoter Ron Scott Stevens found a new home.

Veteran **Rafael Williams**, 154, Brooklyn, turned in a stunning performance in capturing the state junior middleweight title with a seventh-round kayo over **Jose Luis Estevens**, 154, Queens Village, in a scheduled 10. The shorter Williams stood boldy in the face of the rangy, whirlwinding Venezuelan and outfought him in blazing action. Williams slipped punches deftly and countered with jolting shots.

In the seventh, Williams dropped Estevens with two rights at the 2:26 mark. Referee: Nick Drake.

Unsung Donald Allison, 140, Brooklyn, took the state junior welterweight crown with a hard-fought unanimous verdict over spirited Jose "Kid" Avila, 148, Bronx. Harold Lederman scored 96-93, Jack DeFaras 96-90, and Al Reid 96-90.

Southpaw Anthony Cuevas Perez, 120, Brooklyn, scored an upset four-round decision over Shawn Wilkins, 118, Paterson, New Jersey. Sammy Viruet refereed.

Rafael Fernandez, 149, Brooklyn, won a rugged four-round unanimous verdict over Peter O'Neal, 147, Flushing.

In an incredible battle, lefty Donald Wallace, 147, Hollis, won a four-round unanimous decision over stubborn David Colon, 145, Brentwood.

Webster Vinson, 202, Brooklyn, survived a vigorous start by crude Mark Wizbicki, 200, New Hyde Park, to win a four-round unanimous decision.

Willie Douglas, 159, Bayshore, copped a four-round unanimous over John Kenny, 159, Brooklyn.

Nonchalant Leon Taylor, 189, Brooklyn, TKO'd Chris Collins, 191, Brooklyn, at 2:30 of the second.

Ralph Mann, 131, Brentwood, stormed out and overwhelmed debuting Leon Chandler, 130, Brooklyn, who was floored twice and TKO'd at 1:49 of the first.

Promoter: Charles Rapp
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
TV: SportsChannel
Announcer: Ed Derian
(7-27-90)

J.R. Jowett

OHIO

AKRON—Satchmo's Night Club—The vacant state heavyweight title remained vacant as the fight between Cleveland heavyweights **Harry Terrell**, 16-13-1 (7), and **Art Card**, 8-2-1 (4), was ruled a no contest. Both were disqualified for fighting after the bell. After an even opening round, Card, 209, nearly ended it in the second with a left hook-right cross combo that floored Terrell, 228, who barely lasted the round. An accidental head butt opened an ugly gash above the left eye of Terrell in the third, and it appeared the scheduled 12-rounder would be stopped between rounds due to the cut. But both fighters continued to slug it out after the bell sounded.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Carl Griffith, 139, Lorain, 13-1-1 (6), TKO'd Gary Stallworth, 142½, Cincinnati, 7-19-1 (4), at 1:49 of the third round. Referee Joe Gonzales.

In the night's best action, Terry Davis, 228, Napa, California, pounded out a unanimous six-round decision over a game Rick Spain, 210, Columbus, in a wild shootout. Davis, 21-0-2 (18), swung from the rafters and landed at will against Spain, 2-13 (1), who was down in the second and third rounds. Spain more than held his own as he repeatedly stopped the onrushing Davis with solid countershots.

Wes "Bad" Caldwell, 155, Columbus, 3-2-1 (1), won a four-round unanimous decision over debuting Efren Ray, 154, Canton, in a spirited match.

Rodney Tatum, 154, Akron, came away with a majorty nod over veteran slickster Sam Gervins, 152, Columbus, in an awkward four-rounder.

Debuting Roy Caldwell, 140, Urichsville, outpointed Clyde Moore, 140, Cleveland. Caldwell was too strong for the defensive-minded Moore.

Promoter: Dave Cueni
Matchmaker: Joey Favaro
Referees: Joe Gonzales, Joe Lorenzo
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(6-27-90)

Erich Gliebe

PENNSYLVANIA

SCRANTON—**Carl "The Irish Assassin" Sullivan**, 160, got a good workout en route to a sixth-round TKO over ancient **Pete Seward**, 165, Columbus, Ohio. Sullivan steadily wore Seward down with a wicked head-body attack, and hurt him badly with a straight right at the end of the fifth round. In the sixth, Sullivan feinted a jab and buried Seward with a right at 2:41. Referee: Joe Salci.

Once-touted Dennis Cruz, 135, Bronx, dropped Jorge Ojeda, 139¼, Jersey City, in the first and dominated en route to a seventh-round TKO. Referee: Buddy Rush.

Fleet-footed Ricky Thomas, 160, Albany, New York, boxed the ears off Brian Bogdanski, 159, Scranton, and captured a six-round uananimous decision. Referee: John McHale.

Gene Reed, 131, Scranton, dropped Jake Riley, 139, Norfolk, Virginia, twice en route to a second-round TKO. Referee: Rush.

In the best fight on the card, winless Robbie Jordan, 170, Freckville, came off the floor in the first to make a gritty stand against popular Randall Iorio, 175, Wilkes Barre, in a scheduled six. When Iorio got careless in the third, Jordan came out of the rafters with a screaming right to floor him. The frantically scrambling Iorio was felled twice more for the TKO at 1:50. Referee: Salci.

Judges: Jack Castellani, Bill Flasser, John McHale, Buddy Rush
Announcer: Sammy Mancuso
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
(6-1-90)

PHILADELPHIA—The Blue Horizon—Fast-rising **Sharmba Mitchell**, 135, Washington, D.C., stopped **Freddie Sevilla**, 134, Colombia via Miami, in the fifth of a scheduled 10. Referee: Tommy Reid.

Touted **Antonio DeBarros**, 139, Baltimore, came in to face used-up local **Oscar Ponce**, 140, Philadelphia, in the semifinal eight-rounder. Ponce started ambitiously with wild, free-swinging trading, but as early as the second, his right eye was cut, and he began to show the effects of his reckless abandon. By the fourth, DeBarros was in total control.

Stumbling about on shot legs, the lurching, pinwheeling Ponce managed to stay in the fight only by virtue of DeBarros' inability to take him out.

In the final session, Ponce finally went down after the frustrated DeBarros missed a roundhouse, and then fell and tackled him. Ponce put on a histrionic show, probably figuring a disqualification was his only chance of winning.

The crowd, which had supported the localite, voiced its disapproval over the announcement of a split decision. The noise increased when Ponce was declared the winner.

Only Billy DeMarco had voted competently (38-35 for DeBarros). Guy Richardson and Myra Grant both scored 39-33 for Ponce. When questioned about the scoring, new commision director Greg Sirb commented, "I thought Ponce won myself." However, two of the victor's cornermen felt he had lost. *The Ring* had DeBarros the winner, 39-33. Referee: Ray Paquette.

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Unsung local Ronnie Hammonds, 148, upset heralded Keith Holmes, 148, Washington, D.C., by unanimous verdict in a tough six. But his edge seemed hairline at best. Judge Hardy Grant tabbed 30-24, DeMarco 29-25, and Richardson an indecisive 29-28. Referee: Paquette.

Willie Rivera, 144, Philadelphia, outlasted Elwyn Kemp, 144, Washington, D.C., to win a unanimous verdict over four rounds. Referee: Paquette.

Federico Triunfel, 157, New York City, won a four-round unanimous decision over localite Greg Robinson, 160. Referee: Reid.

Promoters: Frank Gelb & Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.)

Matchmaker: Ron Katz

Attendance: 612

TV: Telemundo

(7-20-90)

J.R. Jowett

RHODE ISLAND

WESTERLY—Windjammer Inn—**Tyrone Booze**, 192, Hartford, won a six-round unanimous decision over Bridgeport's **Ruben Cardona**, 187, 7-23. Booze, 15-9-3 (2), had announced his retirement in March after losing to Nate Miller.

Adam Aviles, 119, Springfield, copped a six-round unanimous decision over Waterbury's Ramon Pichardo, 113.

Making his pro debut, local policeman Ronald Gwaltney, 217, Westerly, wasted no time in knocking out Hartford's Van Dorsey, 210, in the opening round.

Sean Jones, 199, Boston, 2-2, decisioned Raul Diaz, 203, Hartford, in four.

Peter Manfredo, 157, Providence, drew with Worcester's Sean Fitzgerald, 156, four.

Eduardo Colon, 140, Waterbury, scored a first-round TKO over Bridgeport's Carlos Marrero, 138.

Lewis Veador, 142, Providence, 3-0, decisioned Jean-Luc Morin, 141, Troy, New York.

Promoter: Big C Boxing Promotions

Attendance: 536

(7-20-90)

Jay N. Miller

SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA—Columbia's **Mike English**, 16-10, dominated the early rounds to win an eight-round unanimous decision over late-replacement **Marvin Ladson**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Lenell Stroman, 147, Columbia, looked impressive as he TKO'd Otis Vereen, 146, Inman, at 54 seconds of the second round.

Kenny Myers, 215, Columbia, decisioned Ben Hillman, 210, Augusta, Georgia, over four rounds.

Mike Cohen, 212, Hilton Head, 28-15, kayoed Charles Brooks, 243, Hickory, North Carolina, at 1:05 of the first round.

Eric Rhinehart, 165, Charlotte, won a six-round decision over Cliff Lee, 169, Columbia.

Promoter: Billy Stanick

Referees: Brian Stutts, Josh Warren, Harry Hitopulos

Judges: Ed Martella, Bill Finch, Mike Waters

Physician: Dr. Chris Biser

(7-14-90)

AIKEN—Aiken Sporting Club—The final of the tri-main event card featured localite **Don Williams**, 164, and **Carlton Brown**, 169, Gastonia, North Carolina, in an action-filled six-rounder. Williams, 6-0, who controlled the bout, used his excellent jab and overhand right to shake the cagey Brown several times.

Local favorite Bobby Arthurs, 183, 13-0-3, used his superior boxing skills to win a six-round unanimous decision over Terry Denny, 185, Lenoir, North Carolina.

Poncho Carter, 221, Augusta, Georgia, 18-2 (16), kayoed Trib Perry, 250, Greensboro, North Carolina, 35 seconds into the first round.

Jerry Dorsey, 180, Port Royal, South Carolina, and Eddie Curry, 184, Lancaster, South Carolina, stirred the crowd with a display of boxing and power. Curry went down in the second, only to come back and floor Dorsey in the third. The fourth was a war until Curry went down from a flurry and was counted out with 10 seconds remaining.

Danny Wofford, 210, Hilton Head, TKO'd replacement Keke Rice, 198, Brooklyn, in the closing seconds of round one.

The opening bout saw Ray Dove, 165, Augusta, Georgia, decision James Farrow, 158, Shelby, North Carolina, in an action-packed four-rounder.

Matchmaker: Boxing Associates

Referees: Josh Warren, Harry Hitpoulos

Judges: Red Douglas, Ed Martella, Mike Waters

Physician: Dr. Gil Royal

Attendance: 600 (estimated)

(7-28-90)

HILTON HEAD—Samson Cohen, 175, Hilton Head, 5-1-1, used his power to stop wily vetern **Carlton Brown**, 171, Gastonia, North Carolina, with an uppercut at 2:15 of the sixth.

Late-substitute Poncho Carter, 220, Augusta, Georgia, 19-12 (19), scored his second kayo in seven days as he overwhelmed Frankie Hines, 201, Shelby, North Carolina, and stopped him at 1:10 of the second in a scheduled eight.

Tyrone Rackley, 158, Port Wentworth, Georgia, dropped and stopped James Barrow, 157, Lincolnton, North Carolina, with body shots and a screaming uppercut at 2:25 of the first.

Cliff Garfield, 156, Hilton Head, stopped Lee Whisnant, 155, Shelby, North Carolina, at 2:33 of the third.

Gary Smith, 152, Hilton Head, 1-1, earned a hard-fought four-round decision over Chris Hopper, 154, Shelby, North Carolina.

Otis Holmes, 152, Hilton Head, kayoed a fightless Wayne Lattimore, 153, Shelby, 50 seconds into the first.

Promoter: Hammer Boxing

Referees: Harry Hitopoulos, Brian Stutts, Josh Warren

Judges: Ed Martaella, James Douglas, Jack Pornovets

Physician: Dr. Mark Paris

Announcer: John Garber

(8-4-90)

Frank Whitecotton

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE—Sea-Tac Hilton—**Walid Underwood**, 145, Seattle, scored a fourth-round TKO over **Chino Marcial**, 145, Springfield, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Both fighters were in excellent condition, and though neither had engaged in many professional contests, both performed well.

Underwood, 4-2-4, the aggressor from the opening bell, landed combinations that caused visible damage to Marcial's face. Marcial, 3-3-2, fought back with the mechanics of a well-traveled journeyman, but it was not enough.

By the fourth round, Marcial's eye, which was bleeding, was nearly closed, and on the advice of the ringside physician, the referee stopped the bout with 16 seconds left in the round.

Frank Casell, 144, Seattle, 2-0, stopped Darren Brennan, 146, Portland, 2-2, with an overhand right at 2:04 of the first round. Brennan rose weakly, and referee Jim Reilly intervened.

In a four-rounder, James Williams, 176, Portland, 35-21-1, fought to a majority draw against Shawn Jewell, 178, Bend, 3-1-1.

A four-round exhibition between Steve Sterling, 142, Yakima, and Harvey Pina, 138, Yakima, was stopped after the second round because Pina was bleeding from the mouth and Sterling from an eyecut.

Promoter & Matchmaker: Bob Oleson

Judges: Glen Hamada, Paul Gibbs, Loren Marshall

Physician: Dr. Leslie Barnette

Attendance: 250 (estimated)

SEATTLE—The Kingdome—On the Daniels-Bodzianowski undercard, heavyweight **Tim Witherspoon**, 233½, Philadelphia, won a 10-round majority decision over **Jose Ribalta**, 230½, Miami, in a crowd-pleasing contest. The bout was fairly even until the fifth round, when Witherspoon, 33-3 (23), began to rock Ribalta with a series of lethal combinations. By the eighth, Ribalta, 35-5-1, was bleeding from several cuts to his face. Ribalta displayed tremendous courage in losing.

Paul Gibbs scored 97-93, Glen Hamada 98-91, and Tom McDonough 95-95. *The Ring* scored for Witherspoon, 98-91.

In a another heavyweight bout, former IBF champion Tony Tucker, 251, Los Angeles, TKO'd Mike Rouse, 230½, Norfolk, Virginia, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Tucker, 37-1 (31), the last man to beat Buster Douglas, said he was ready to stay active.

Two-time Olympian Robert Shannon, 118, Seattle, 17-5-2, dropped down in weight and made his debut at bantamweight by outpointing Lee Cargle, 118½, Oklahoma City, 28-15, over eight rounds.

Promoter: Bill Wheeler

Matchmaker: Mike Acri

Judges: Paul Gibbs, Tom McDonough, Glen Hamada

Referees: Lou Moret, Jim Reilly

Ringside Physican: Dr. Leslie Barnette

Attendance: 6,556

(7-19-90)

Bill Tuthill

CANADA

ONTARIO

WINDSOR—Italian Center—After being rocked by a right in the opening round, **Kenny Gould**, 150, won the remaining rounds to score a unanimous decision over **Dorrell Van Horne**, 150. Gould is 16-0; Van Horne 8-2-1.

Kronkster Todd Nadon, 162, Windsor, 3-2-1, decisioned Jeff Sceick, 164, 1-2-1.

Kermit Fritzpatrick, 249, Livonia, 3-0, scored a first-round kayo over Ben Smith, 238, Pittsburgh, 1-3.

Former amateur standout Kandy King, 187, Detroit, stopped Brian Nowell, 188, Pennsylvania, at 1:58 of the first round.

Transplanted West African Hiskia Swartz, 157, Detroit, 7-0-1, deafeated Kevin Whaley-El, 157, Detroit.

(6-25-90)

Bill Miley and Thomas F. Parusczkiewicz

MEXICO

JUAREZ—Fernie Morales decisioned **Diego Avila**, 24-17-5 (8), over 10 rounds in a bantamweight encounter. Morales, 26-3 (12), used a methodical attack and movement. The winner had to overcome a seven-month layoff.

Abraham Simon Gonzalez ended a super featherweight fight at 1:51 of the second round when he stopped Manuel Juarez. Gonzalez dropped his opponent with a left to the body.

Jose de Jesus Garcia avenged his only loss in 13 fights when he kayoed Leobardo Mancillas at 55 seconds of the fifth round. A flurry, capped off by a right to the chin, ended the fight four rounds later. In their previous meeting, Mancillas won a disputed split decision.

Rafael Luevano took 1:33 of the opening round stop Javier Hernandez; bantamweights.

Raul "Colorado" Gonzalez scored a TKO over Quirino Garcia at 1:28 of the fourth round; welterweights.

Jorge Montoya stopped Amado Devora at 1:45 of the first round; super lightweights.

Gerardo Garcia ended a four-round flyweight bout at 1:18 of the second, when he stopped Martin Llovera.

(6-1-90)

MEXCIO CITY—Miguel Angel Gonzalez registered a TKO over **Francisco Javier Camacho** at 2:39 of the eighth round. Gonzalez, 12-0 (10), and Camacho, 22-5 (14), were both 1988 Olympians.

Martin Soto won a unanimous 10-round decision over Victor Gomez; featherweights.

Martin Perez kaoyed Martin Angeles in the third; super bantamweights.

Featherweight Jesus Galicia took a six-round decision over Isaias Velazquez.

Bantamweight Marcos Hernandez decisioned Armando Ortiz over four rounds.

(6-2-90)

GUTIERREZ ZAMORA—Norberto Bueno won a 10-round decision over **Tomas Garcia**; middleweights.

Jose "Toro" Hernandez kayoed Manuel Avila in the fifth; featherweights.

Arturo Estrada won a decision over Enrique Gonzalez; bantamweights.

Marcos Antonio Gallardo scored a kayo over Hermino Martinez; flyweights.

(6-3-90)

MEXICO CITY—Alberto Jimenez registered a kayo over **Moises Soriano** in the second round.

Ivan Salazar won a six-round split decision over Ricardo Medina.

Fortino Gonzalez won a decision over Valerio Sanchez in a four-round mini flyweight bout.

Porfirio Nieves scored a first-round TKO over Juan Huerta; bantamweights.

Lightweight Mario Neri scored a second-round TKO over Javier Castellanos.

Oscar Alvarado ended a four-round super featherweight bout with a first-round stoppage of Jorge Garcia.

(6-6-90)

NUEVO LAREDO—Rodolfo "Cobra" Gomez scored a third-round kayo over **Francisco Alvarado** in a 10-round super featherweight battle. Former champion Gomez was returning from a broken jaw.

Manuel "Rana" Gomez scored a first-round kayo over Mario Faz; super featherweights.

Ramon "Chino" Cardenas registered a third-round kayo over Antonio Hernandez; welterweights.
(6-8-90)

PIEDRAS NEGRAS—Alfredo "Freddy" Ramirez scored a ninth-round kayo over **Angel Hernandez** in a 10-round welterweight bout.
(6-8-90)

MEXICO CITY—Antonio de la Paz scored a kayo at 1:51 of the first round over **Vincente Velazco**. The lightweight contest was scheduled for 10 rounds, and it marked the end of de la Paz' two-year retirement.

Javier Leon won a 10-round decision over Santiago Caballero; bantamweights.

Enrique Jupiter TKO'd Mario Garcia at 1:34 of the seventh; bantamweights.

Oscar Arciniega TKO'd Javier Chavez in the third round; flyweights.

Marco Antonio Barrera won a four-round decision over Oscar Granados; flyweights.
(6-9-90)

MEXICO CITY—Atanasio "Monito" Villareal scored a second-round TKO over **Cesar Delgado** in an eight-round bantamweight fight. Delgado suffered cuts over his left eyebrow and on his nose, which caused the referee to stop the fight.

Genaro de la Serna scored a second-round TKO over Alejandro Duran; lightweights.

Artemio Mandez gained a victory when Aniceto Almonte was disqualified in the second of a four-rounder.
(6-13-90)

CULIACAN—Santiago Mendez won a unanimous 12-round decision over **Raul Rios** and took the Mexican mini flyweight title. The scores: 119-113, 119-113, and 118-111. Mendez regained the title that he had lost to Rios in March.

Marco Antonio "Cachorro" Ramirez got a early win when Ramon "Destroyer" Soto was disqualified in the opening round; lightweights.

Alejandro Landeros scored a seventh-round TKO over Ernesto Gallardo; lightweights.
(6-15-90)

HERMOSILLO—Jorge "Cocas" Ramirez took a 12-round split decision over **Bruno Rabanales** and won the Mexican super featherweight title. This was the fourth meeting between the two. Ramirez holds a 2-1-1 edge.
(6-15-90)

MEXICALI—Willy Salazar scored a ninth-round kayo over **Isaias Zamudio** in a 10- rounder between world-class flyweights.
(6-15-90)

CARDENAS—Wilfrido Urbina scored a third-round kayo over **Alcibiades Gallegos**; flyweights.

Basilio Morales ended a flyweight encounter early when he registered a first-round kayo over Lorenzo Floriano.

Cruz Saldana took an eight-round decision over Ruben Pichardo; featherweights.
(6-15-90)

MEXICO CITY—Juan Carlos Salazar registered a fourth-round kayo over **Mario Alberto Rodriguez**. Salazar, 52-6, dropped Rodriguez, 23-7-2, thrice in the fourth.

Raul Martinez Mora used a shot to the liver to kayo Juan Valenzuela in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Gilberto Flores ended an eight-round lightweight bout by stopping Javier Sanchez in the second.

Fausto Olvera won a six-round decision over Jesus Narvaez; super featherweights.

Macrin Castillo scored a first-round kayo over Adrian Aburto; flyweights.
(6-16-90)

MEXICO CITY—Rafael Campos fought to an eight-round draw with **Rodolfo Santamaria**; super bantamweights. The crowd booed the decision.

Leobardo Rosales TKO'd Jose Galindo Flores in the second round; lightweights.

Rosalino Gonzalez won a decision over Jorge Romero; bantamweights.

Franciso Mendoza scored a third-round TKO over Raul Sanchez; bantamweights.

Ricardo Martinez won a decision over Leobardo Chabelas; featherweights.

Gerardo de la Serna took a decision from Moises Rodriguez; flyweights.
(6-20-90)

MEXICO CITY—Rey Hernandez scored a TKO over **Javier Juarez** in the seventh round of a 10-round mini flyweight contest. Hernandez, 28-5 (22), was losing through the first four rounds, but a cut opened on the eyelid of Juarez, 15-5. The bleeding was so bad that the doctor wouldn't allow Juarez out for the seventh.

Carlos Gonzalez scored a first-round TKO over Gerardo Cedillo; lightweights.

Joel Luna Zarate won a 10-round decision vs. Roman Jimenez; super bantamweights.

Juan Antonio Ocampo TKO'd Victor Lopez in the third of a scheduled six-round super featherweight fight.

Felix Amaro won a four-round decision over Lupe Cano; super featherweights.
(6-23-90)

LOS MOCHIS—Mauro Gutierrez scored a TKO over **Antonio Hernandez** in the final round of a 10-round super featherweight bout.

Alejandro Felix Montiel kayoed Juan Garcia in the fourth; mini flyweights.

Jorge Lopez TKO'd Emilio Ortiz; flyweights.
(6-29-90)

GUADALAJARA—Miguel Juarez fought to a draw with **Rogello Jauregui**.
(6-29-90)

MEXICO CITY—Ricardo Lopez won a unanimous decision over **Francisco Montiel** in a 10-round mini flyweight bout. Lopez, the WBC Intercontental strawweight champion, 25-0 (20), suffered an intestinal infection a week before the fight. Nevertheless, he dominated the first eight rounds and then hung on. Former world title challenger Montiel is 23-8 (18).

Gregorio "Goyo" Vargas Jr. TKO'd Ramon Jimenez in the first; featherweights.

Eduardo Cruz, 21-0 (21), TKO'd Victor Lopez, 9-2 (9), in the third round; super welterweights.

Martin Perez kayoed Alberto Cervantes in the eighth and final round; super bantamweights.

Ladislao Vazquez won an eight-round technical decision over Marco Antonio Zuniga; mini flyweights.

Esteban Arrcola scored a second-round TKO over Quirino Rosales; bantamweights.
(6-29-90)

MEXICO CITY—Antonio de la Paz kayoed **Romualdo Gonzalez** in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-rounder; lightweights. In his third comeback fight, de la Paz had his opponent badly hurt in the first, but couldn't send him down. Gonzalez staged a rally in the fourth, but didn't have the strength to follow up. Gonzalez left the ring with his right eye cut and swollen.

Josefino Suarez TKO'd Baudilio Hernandez in the fourth round; bantamweights.

Jose Luis Bueno TKO'd Candido Corona in the ninth round; super flyweights.

Albino Rosas scored a TKO over Luciano Solis in the second; super featherweights.

Abel Hinojosa TKO'd Octaviano Chantez in the first round; flyweights.
(6-30-90)

Bruce Williams

TRINIDAD

PORT OF SPAIN—Loalite **Anthony J. Brown**, 161½, made a gut-check and won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Wayne Harris** in a fierce and thrilling fight. The first six rounds were close, but in the seventh, Brown scored well, as he cut Harris over the left eye and knocked out his mouthpiece. By the ninth, both were bleeding from cuts. Harris chased Brown, who jabbed out of trouble.

In the 10th, Brown cemented the win when he knocked Harris' mouthpiece out again. Judge George St. Aude scored 97-95, Melchoir Taylor 98-95, and referee Tommy Thomas 96-94.

Ulric Johnson, 131, Trinidad, won an eight-round unanimous decision over Wayne Briggs, 130½, Guyana.

Learie Bruce, 132½, decisioned Harvey Huggins, 138¼, over six rounds.

Jimmy Joseph, 176½, scored a first-round kayo over David McMillan, 187½.

In scheduled four-rounder, Percy Bailey, 131¾, TKO'd Lester Harry, 131, at 2:13 of the second.

Promoters: Bertram Legall, Arnim Simth

Physicians: Dr. Kameel Mungrue, Dr. Kamal Rampersad

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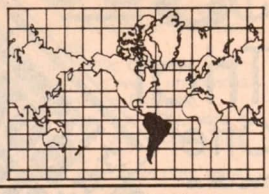

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

PERGAMINO—Argentine junior middleweight champion **Jorge Castro**, 159, scored a second-round kayo over **Pedro Chavero**, 159, in a 10-round non-title bout.
(6-15-90)

CORRIENTES—Localite **Jorge Santana** pounded out a 10-round decision over **Jorge Tejada**; junior middleweights.
(6-10-90)

TUCUMAN—National junior middleweight champion **Jorge Castro**, 47-1-2 (34), floored **Richard Silva**, 6-11-3, twice in the third round en-route to a kayo win.
(6-22-90)

ROJAS—Eduardo Contreras fought to a 10-round draw with **Jorge Santana**; junior middleweights. Contreras was floored in the third.
(6-22-90)

CHIVILCOY—Roberto Medina, 9-0, registered a third-round kayo over **Jorge Cano**.
(6-22-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Junior middleweight **Julio Cesar Vasquez**, 23-0 (17), stopped **Raul Regino Sanchez** in the first round. Sanchez, 7-2-5, has been inactive for 14 months and had been knocked out in his last two fights.
(6-23-90)

CURUZU CUTIA—Former WBC International junior middleweight champion **Ramon Gaspar Abeldano** battled to a 10-round draw with **Jorge Santana**.
(6-29-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Former national junior welterweight champion **Hugo Ariel Hernandez**, 56-3-2 (35), kayoed **Jorge Melian**, 19-3-3 (4), in eight rounds.
(6-30-90)

RIO GRANDE—Argentine featherweight champion **Miguel Francia** outpointed Chilean **Jose Badilla Inostroza** over 12 rounds to capture the South American featherweight title.
(7-6-90)

SAN LUIS—Hugo Ariel Hernandez outpointed **Jose Saldivia** over 10 rounds; junior welterweights.
Raul Lopez kayoed Jose Alberto Perez in two.
Site: Polideportivo, San Luis
Attendance: 450 (estimated)
(7-6-90)

SAN LUIS—Undefeated junior middleweight **Juilo Cesar Vasquez** kayoed **Horacio Silva** in two rounds.
Rodrigo Benech kayoed Perfecto Bobadilla; light heavyweights.
(7-6-90)

PEHUAJO—Former world junior bantamweight champion **Gustavo Ballas** scored the fourth victory of his comeback by outpointing **Jose Luis Barrios** over 10 rounds.
(7-6-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Super middleweight **Juan Carlos Scaglia**, 10-1-2 (7), kayoed **Luis Marquez** in four rounds. Scaglia, a strong southpaw, is managed by former middleweight contender Juan Roldan.
(7-7-90)

GUALEGUAYCHU—Gustavo Ballas outpointed **Jose Luis Barrios**.
(7-13-90)

PRESIDENCIA ROQUE SAENZ PENA—Roberto Schonning outpointed **Ruben Osvaldo Condori** over 10 rounds; bantmaweights.
(7-3-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Ernesto Lopez kayoed **Sergio Ronconi** when referee Fernando Peiroux stopped the fight in the third round.
(7-14-90)
Carlos Irusta

BRAZIL

BELEM—Junior welterweight **Gil de Carvalho** scored a sixth-round kayo over **Claudio Pereira** and became the new Brazilian champion.
(6-2-90)

SANTO ANDRE—Welterweight **Jaime Sodre** fought to a four-round draw with **Lourival Delfino**.
Bantamweight Hamilton Rodrigues won a six-round decision over Jurandir Oliveira.
In a junior middleweight contest, Vanderlei de Oliveira registered a second-round kayo over Gustavo Rodrigues.
Antonio Madureira took an eight-round decision over Marcelo Sasso; junior middleweights.
(6-8-90)

BELEM—Bantamweight **Ronaldo de Oliveira** won a 10-round decision over **Paulo Ribeiro**.
Arao Macedo stopped Jose Carlos Leite in the fourth round; bantamweights.
(6-28-90)

SAO PAULO—Gymnasium Cobraseixos—Welterweight **Francisco de Assis** scored a six-round TKO over Eudes Balbino.
In a 10-round heavyweight bout, prospect Edemilson Tonasio decisioned Dionizio Lazario.
(7-13-90)

SAO PAULO—In a six-round junior middleweight matchup, **Paulo Weinstat** won a unanimous decision over **William Felisberto**.
Junior middleweight Mauricio Amaral stopped Cicero Andrade in the second round.
Bantamweight Almir Fernandes kayoed Argentine Guillermo Navarro in the fourth.
Juan Diza TKO'd Carlos Martinez, Argentina, in the fourth round; heavyweights.
Light heavyweight Clarimundo Silva scored a fourth-round TKO over Enrique Coronel, Argentina.
(7-20-90)

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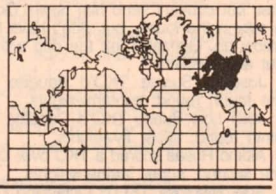

EUROPE

BELGIUM

EVERE—In a six-rounder, **Marino Monteyne**, 10-2-1, decisioned **Hamzi Miri**; super welterweights.
(6-01-90)

NEVELE—Featherweight **Benny Degroos**, 5-0, outscored tough **Francisco Garcia** over six rounds.
Cruiserweight Jean Pierre Van Imschoot kayoed Zaires's Pierre Tshikuna in the first round.
(6-9-90)

LONCIN—Featherweight **John Miceli** won an exciting six-round decision over **Jean-Marc Camaleri**.
Constant loser Bachir Charane scored a rare win when he stopped another loser, Eric Taton, in the second round; middleweights.
(6-15-90)

FRANCE

PARIS—Thirty-five-year-old **Jean Chanet**, 35, outpointed **Derek Williams**, England, over 12 rounds to retain the European heavyweight title. Chanet had beaten Williams for the then-vacant title, but Williams claimed he had been poisoned. This time Chanet was in command against Williams, who outweighed him by 30 pounds and is six inches taller.
The 12th round took nearly 20 minutes. A riot broke out and everything was thrown in the ring.
World-rated lightweight Primo Ramos, Mexico, kayoed Mehmed Demir, Yugoslavia, in round two.
Light welterweight prospect Ludovic Proto, France, kayoed Yugoslavian Josif Rajc in round one to advance to 11-0.
Junior lightweight Pierre Lorcy, 22-1, beat Rudi Valentino, England, over eight rounds.
(5-28-90)

LYON—Cruiserweight prospect **Fabrice Tiozzo**, 8-0, brother of WBA super middleweight champion Christophe Tiozzo, stopped American **Frank Hines** in two.
(6-1-90)

TOULON—Former French welterweight champion **Daniel Bicchieray**, 19-3-2, upset Belgium's **Patrick Vungbo**, 17-3, with an eight-round points win.
(6-29-90)

SAINT-MARTIN-D'HERES—Super middleweight **Frank Nicosta**, 17-0, stopped **Kayuina Awouitoh** with bodypunches in round two. Nicosta hopes to get a fight for the European title later this year.
(6-29-90)

CHARBONNIERES—Fabrice Tiozzo, 9-0, easily outscored **John Held** in an eight-round cruiserweight bout.
(6-30-90)

THE MEDITERRANEAN—On a cruise ship headed for Italy and the World Cup, Dutch junior lightweight **Regilio Tuur**, 14-1-1, stopped **Andy Deabreau**, England, in round five.
(6-19-90)

Kurt Kristiansen

GERMANY

DUSSELDORF—1988 Olympic champion **Henry Maske** floored **Mike Aubrey** twice in the first round, but couldn't finish him and had to settle for a six-round unanimous decision; cruiserweights. The German southpaw tried for a final- round stoppage, but was unable to string together the necessary combinations.
A right hook in the third round is all Alex Alves needed to dispose of Nicky Walker; super middleweights. The blow put Walker on the canvas, and when he rose, the referee stopped the fight. His decision wasn't popular with Walker or his corner.
Markus Bott became the 87th boxer to win the German heavyweight crown when he outpointed 37-year-old Manfred Jassmann. Jassmann fell to 32-9-1.
Darco Stanojevic decisioned Bernd Kulle over four rounds; heavyweights.
Middleweight Michael Kopzog made his pro debut with a six-round decision over Mario Dito.
Saidi Ali, a 27-year-old heavyweight, had an easy night when he kayoed 40-year-old Klaus Winter, the former German cruiserweight champion, in the third round. Winter stated *before* the fight that he would retire after the battle.
Attendance: 2,800
Promoter: Wilfried Sauerland
(6-1-90)

HAMBURG—Undefeated **Markus Bott** was forced to go the eight-round distance with **Mike Aubrey**; cruiserweights. The German hit Aubrey with every shot in his repertoire, but couldn't send him to the canvas.
Heavyweight Knut Blin had trouble with the height and reach of Steve Garber, but still came away with an eight-round decision. Frustration and fatigue hindered his performance.
German middleweight king Patrick Pipa took an eight-round decision over Gaston Cool.
Senturk Ozdemir took the vacant German super featherweight title with a sixth-round TKO over Museyin Colak. Colak was taking a frightful beating until his corner threw in the towel.
Ali Saidi took the German light heavyweight crown with an eighth-round stoppage over Andreas Schweigher. The contest was stopped after the referee issued Schweigher a pair of standing eight-counts.
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
Promoter: Universum Box-Promotion
(5-5-90)

BIELEFIELD—Marco Unverdruss won the vacant German welterweight title by kayoing **Matthias Wirth** in seven rounds. It was a close fight until Wirth ran into a right hand.

The vacant German middleweight title was claimed when Niyazi Aytekin stopped Marian Rudy in the eighth round.

Heavyweight Werner Pelz needed just three rounds to dispose of Ibrahin Jusufi in a one-sided fight.

Welterweight Josip Rajc won a six-round decision over Thomas Mateoi.

Freddy Sontgen outpointed Jens Plossner over four rounds; heavyweights.

Attendance: 400 (estimated)

Promoter: Fritz Buscjost

(4-28-90)

Jack Tree

ITALY

SALICE TERME—WBO heavyweight champion **Francesco Damiani** registered a third-round kayo over **Tony Morrison** in a non-title fight. Morrison was no test.

Former WBO featherweight champion Maurizio Steca won an eight-round decision over Argentine Raul Gomez.

Unbeaten flyweight Salvatore Fanni warmed up for his fight for the European title. His opponent, Roberto Ledesma, Argentina, was DQ'ed in round two for holding.

Vincenzo Nardiello stopped Belgian Gaston Coll in round four; middleweights.

Hungarian cruiserweight Eros Lajos, 3-0, outpointed Zaire's Lusikana Tshibama over six rounds.
(6-2-90)

FANO—Maurizio Ronzoni retained the Italian light welterweight title with a 10th-round stoppage of **Luigi La Grasta**.

Tunesian Facial Naifer scored an upset third-round kayo of Italy's Gianfranco Bronco; super featherweights. It was only the second win in 47 fights for Naifer, who was a late substitute.
(6-9-90)

CASORIA—Antonio Picardi won the Italian bantamweight title with a five-round stoppage of champion **Alessandro DeSantis.** It was the fourth meeting between these men, and the first victory for Picardi. Two of the three losses to DeSantis were due to cuts.

Super welterweight Agostino Cardamone won a six-round decision over Samuel Isiko.

Middleweight Luciano Caioni won a six-rounder against Jean Pierre Iniama, France.

Former amateur star Pasquala Perna won his first pro fight with a six-round decision over Tunesian Fahdi Kaabi; lightweights.
(6-10-90)

CASIRATE D'ADDA—Former amateur star **Giovanni Castelli** outclassed Belgium's **Martin Heytens** over six rounds; middleweights.
(6-22-90)

GIARDINI—In his first professional fight, super welterweight **Nicola Fontolan** easily stopped Belgium's **Martin Heytens** in round two.
(7-6-90)

NAPLES—Renato Zurlo, 23-1, avenged his only loss and won the Italian welterweight title by outscoring **Paolo Pesci** over 12 rounds.

Featherweight Prisco Visconte outpointed Antonio DeSantis over eight rounds.

Lightweight Pasquala Perna won a six-round decision over Tahar Ayari, Tunesia.
(7-11-90)

SALICE TERME—Romolo Casamonica stopped former European champion **Giuseppe Leto** in the 11th round to retain the Italian junior middleweight title.

Former EBU junior lightweight champion Salvatore Curcetti outscored Michele LaFratta over eight rounds.

Welterweight Marco Cipollino stopped Antonio Daga on cuts in round four.
(7-12-90)

TRIESTE—Heavyweight **Biagio Chianese**, 8-0, won an eight-round decision over Mexican **Jose Mireles**. Chianese, 240, a former five-time amateur champion, did not look impressive.

Unbeaten super middleweight Renato Mastria won an eight-round decision over Spain's Rafael Barrera.

Tunesian-born junior lightweight Hidrim Dahmani, Switzerland, defeated Spain's Santiago Canadas via disqualification in the fourth round for butting.
(7-13-90)

Kurt Kristiansen

UNITED KINGDOM

BASILDON—Ian Strudwick, 161, Hockley, outpointed Coventry's **Errol Christie**, 162, over eight threes at the Festival Hall. This defeat probably finished the career of Christie, a man who promised so much but ultimately achieved so little. Strudwick outworked his opponent throughout the bout and thoroughly deserved the decision. Referee Mike Jacobs scored 78½-77½.

Robbie Regan, 115½, Cefn Forest, and Liverpool's Dave McNally, 116, drew over six threes in an exciting matchup. Referee Marcus McDonnell tabbed 59-59.

In a contest fought over six twos, Paul Harvey, 130, Ilford, outpointed Telford's Brian Robb, 129. Referee McDonnell scored 59-58.

Mark Bates, 130, Stanford LeHope, stopped Elvis Parsley, 130, Bloxwich. Referee: Jeff Pounds.

Nicky Lucas, 130, Waltham Abbey, won a six-round decision over Cardiff's Darren Weller, 130. Referee Pounds scored 59½-58½.
(6-20-90)

LONDON—Argentine **Pedro Gutierrez**, 128, annexed the vacant WBC International super featherweight title via 12th-round stoppage of Commonwealth champion **Mark Reefer**, 130, Bethnal Green. Gutierrez proved too classy, and Reefer failed to change his tactics at any point. It cost him dearly.

Reefer was a late substitute for the injured Jim McDonnell, and Gutierrez represented a great step up in class. Gutierrez was the more accomplished fighter, but the fact that his punches lacked power prolonged the fight.

The end came at 2:16 of the last round, when a right-left-right combination sent Reefer to the canvas. Referee Bob Logist immediately stopped the bout.

Lennox Lewis, 224, Crayford, enhanced his repu-

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tation with a noteworthy points decision over former WBA cruiserweight champion Ossie Ocasio, 229, Puerto Rico. Referee Larry O'Connell scored 80-77.

Johnny Nelson, 193, Sheffield, stopped American Arthur Weathers, 193, in round two of a scheduled eight. Referee: O'Connell.

Herbie Hide, 189¼, Norwich, stopped Alfreton's Alec Penarski, 192, in round three of a scheduled six-rounder. Referee Reg Thompson intervened at the 2:18 mark after Penarski was sent to the floor by a right uppercut.

Banbridge's Bernard McComiskey, 133, outpointed Stewart Rimmer, 135, St. Helens, over six twos. Referee Thompson scored 59½-58.
(6-28-90)

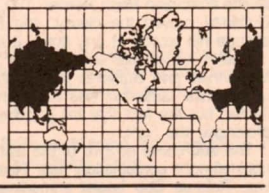
BRENTWOOD—International Centre—Commonwealth flyweight champion **Alf Kotey**, 110, successfully defended the title with a 12-round points decision over **Danny Porter**, 112, Hitchin. Kotey dominated with a good left jab and rapid-fire combinations. The only answer Porter had was grit, heart, and character. Referee Roy Francis scored 118½-115½.

Jess Harding, 223, Potters Bar, stopped Newcastle's John Westgarth, 221, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight. Referee: Tony Walker.

Belfast's Damien Denny, 152¾, scored a fourth-round TKO over American Parrish Johnston, 152.

Phil Soundy, 187, Benfleet, kayoed Steve Yorath, 187, Swansea, in the third round of a scheduled six twos.
(7-6-90)

Brian Doogan



THE ORIENT

JAPAN

SENDAI—OPBF junior middleweight champion **Carlos Elliot**, the WBA's top contender, 154½, proved too powerful and pugnacious for Korean **Dae Hyum Yun**, 154¼, dropping him twice in the opening session and disposing of him at 2:06 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Elliott looked awesome. His wicked right sent Yun sprawling to the deck in the first, and again in the fatal round. It was Elliott's tuneup prior to his scheduled crack at the soon-to-be-vacated WBA junior middleweight crown. He will face Korean Jun Sok Hwang. Elliott is 25-2 (22); Yun 3-3 (1).

Filipino import Chiba (Amado) Cabato, 131¾, displayed his power by bloodying the nose of Korean Won Taek Lim, 129, and knocking him out at 1:25 of the sixth round in scheduled 10. Cabato, 25, is reportedly 36-10-5 (30). Lim, in his first appearance here, is 6-3-2 (1).

Up-and-coming southpaw Masanori Sato, 141½, easily caught Shigenore Motoi, 142¾, and polished him off at 3:08 of the first round in a supporting eight. Sato is 4-0 (4), and looks promising. Motoi is 8-11-1 (8).

Filipino Diego Onglao, 108, furiously swarmed over Takahiro Mizuno, 111¼, and floored him thrice to score an automatic win at 2:18 of the first session in a scheduled eight. Diego is 11-9-5; Mizuno 2-2 (1).

Co-promoted by Sendai and Hachinohe Teiken Promotions

Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(6-22-90)

TOKYO—Korakeun Hall—Unbeaten southpaw **Takashi Matsuo**, 119¼, appeared in his first 10-rounder and whipped Filipino **Ronnie Solis**, 119¾, finishing him at 1:25 of the first session. Solis fell face-first to the canvas and was counted out by referee Kazunobu Asao. Matsuo is 12-0 (5); Solis 10-10 (5).

Eiji Kikusaki, a notorious slow starter who is ranked second in the junior welterweight class by the JBC, 141¾, was bleeding from a gash on the left eyebrow due to the opening attacks of Tadashi Domoto, 141¼, but retaliated with his vaunted power and dropped his foe twice en route to a TKO at 2:38 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Kikusaki is 18-4-4 (15). Domoto, a tall rookie who had won the All-Japan Novice King final, dipped to 6-5-1 (6).

Yuichi Hosono, 105, busily punched Tsutomu Ueyama, 104¾, in combination and halted him at 1:20 of the seventh session in a scheduled eight. The winner is 7-0 (5); Ueyama 4-8-2 (1).

Co-promoted by Shin Nihon Saito Promotions and Kawakami Promotions

Attendance: 2,550 (estimated)
(6-22-90)

HAMAMATSU—Hamamatsu Municipal Gymnasium—**Yuichi Hinaichi**, 111½, won a unanimous decision (scores of 79-78, 79-76, and 79-77) over **Masao Kawanishi**, 111¼, in eight. Hinaichi had previously won the All-Japan Novice King tourney.

Masakatsu Aikata, 117¾, outpointed Noriyuki Kobayashi, 117, in eight.

Promoter: Seien Promotions

Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(6-23-90)

OKINAWA—Okinawa Municipal Gymnasium—Unbeaten **Nobutoshi Hiranaka**, 125½, floored Filipino **Edwin Montanez**, 126¾, with a two-fisted attack in the second, kept the pressure on, and pounded out a unanimous decision (99-92, 98-92, and 98-92) in 10. Hiranaka, the JBC's number-two contender, is 6-0 (3). He is the younger brother of the WBA's top junior welterweight contender, Akinobu Hiranaka.

Former Olympian Satoru Higashi, 135½, showed his vaunted power and sank Bomber Akira with roundhouse rallies at 58 seconds of the second round in a scheduled six. Higashi is 3-0 (2).

Kojin Uehara, 130, was a kayo winner over Filipino Ricky Garcia, 128, at 2:58 of the opening session in a scheduled six.

Genyu Maexhiro,105, polished off Filipino Herns Bed Jonnes, 105, at 1:58 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Okinawa Promotions
(6-23-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Fast-rising Russian flyweight **Yury Arbachakov**, the WBC's 26th-ranked contender, 112½, wasn't in top shape, but finally caught Korean **Jung Eui Yun**, 115¾, to be awarded a TKO at 2:40 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Arbachakov, a stylish boxer, was in command from the second round on with his sharper punches. The Russian is 4-0 (4).

Sabiev Ramazan, a 29-year-old Russian lefty, 190, earned a unanimous decision (scores of 79-74, 80-76, and 80-75) over Juan "Idi Amin" Hernandez, a ballooned Mexican, 181¼, in eight. The winner is 3-0 (1).

Viacheslav Iakovlev, a tall heavyweight, 218½, started well but found tough opposition in Mexican Arturo Diaz, 257, winning a unanimous decision in six. Scores: 59-57 and 60-56 (twice). Iakovlev is 2-1 (1).

Alexander Miroshinichenko, 233¾, the super heavyweight bronze medalist in the 1988 Olympics, made his professional debut by sinking Mexican Gerald Ballero, 192, with a wicked body shot at 2:27 of the opening session in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Kyoei Promotion

Attendance: 1,700 (estimated)
(6-23-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Japanese junior lightweight champion **Kenichiro Kojo**, 130, had a touch time in the first two rounds with powerless but speedy **Minoru Abiko**, 128¾, but overcame the challenger and knocked him out at 2:17 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. In the seventh, Kojo, a peekaboo stylist, swarmed over his fading rival and sent him to the deck with solid combinations for the count. Kojo, 23, is 13-6-3 (2); Abiko 9-5 (2).

Former Japanese junior welterweight champion Yoshihiro Yamamoto, 140, was amazed by the durabitity of Koji Yokota, the JBC's fourth-ranked contender, 140, but his aggressiveness overwhelmed Yokota, and he won a majority decision in 10. Yamamoto is 9-2 (7); Yokota 7-6-2 (6).

Noriaki Shibuya, 122, dropped Filipino import Alan (Escalente) Tanaka, 121¾, with a vicious right uppercut for the count at 1:30 of the third session in a scheduled 10. Shibuya is 6-1 (5). The Filipino is 1-8-1 in Japan.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions

Attendance: 2,350 (estimated)
(6-26-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Sensational **Joichiro Tatsuyoshi** was the fighter of the month in Japan. Tatsuyoshi, the JBC's fourth-ranked bantamweight, 119, looked impressive as he overcame Filipino **Samuel Duran**, the WBC's International bantamweight ruler, 119, and sank him with wicked uppercuts at 2:10 of the seventh session in a scheduled non-title 10. It was the winner's third pro bout after compiling a brilliant amateur record of 18-1 (18). Tatsyoshi, a Japanese Ruben Olivares, is a 20-year-old happy-go-lucky whose weakness might be his open love for girls. The golden boy is 3-0 (3). Duran, 22, fell to 22-4-1 (6).

Kotaro Hayashi, a Korean import ranked fifth by the WBA, 113½, proved faster and more pugnacious than Mitsuo Kawashima, 113½, in lopsidedly battering him en route to a fine TKO at 1:31 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Hayashi gave his foe a standing count in the third and dropped him with a volley of punches in the sixth. Referee Ryoji Kashiwagi declared a well-timed stoppage. The winner is 9-2 (4); Kawashima 11-8-1 (4).

Promoter: Osaka Teiken Promotions

Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
(6-28-90)

UTSUNOMIYA—Kiyohara Gymnasium—Japanese junior middleweight champion **Hitoshi Kamiyama**, 154, proved too strong for **Toshio Suzuki**, a less experienced challenger, 154, and overwhelmed the victim with his solid lefts and rights, finishing him at 1:25 of the second session in a scheduled 10. It was Kamiyama's second defense. Kamiyama is not a skillful boxer, and relies on total aggression through give-and-take tactics. He caught the local favorite with an overhand right, followed by a left hook, and sent him to the deck in the closing seconds of the opening session. In the second, Kamiyama swarmed over his fading opponent and dropped him on his hands and knees. Referee Kodai Kumazaki counted him out. Kamiyama, 24, is 15-1-1 (8); Suzuki 4-3 (3).

Filipino Fighting Dragon (Manuel Catangui), 140¼, scored a pair of knockdowns in the first round and was awarded a technical decision over Koichi Tateno, 143, at 39 seconds of the seventh round of a scheduled eight. The Manila lefty accurately landed his jabs and straight lefts and made Tateno groggy time and again. The fatal session saw a cut over Tateno's right eye opened by an accidental butt. The fight was stopped at that point. Dragon is 8-3-3 (4). Tateno, the JBC's seventh-ranked welterweight, is 5-2-1 (4).

Unbeaten prospect Tomohiko Yokoyama, the JBC's eighth-ranked junior bantamweight, 110½, won via TKO over Makoto Sawamuta, 110½, at 55 seconds of a scheduled eight. Yokoyama is 7-0 (4); Samamura 6-13-2 (6).

Promoter: Shin Nihon Kimura Promotions

Attendance: 1,500
(6-30-90)

TOKYO—Japanese strawweight champion **Rocky Lim** (whose Taiwanese name is Ming Jie Lin), 104¾, dominated the second half of his first defense, vs. **Chiba Tenoria**, a Filipino lefty, 103¾, winning a unanimous decision in 10. Scores: 99-95, 100-94, and 99-94. It was a monotonous affair, as Tenoria had no answer against the style of the champion. Lim is 8-0 (2); Tenoria 3-2-1 (3).

Unbeaten prospect Shiro Yahiro, 107¼, 7-0-1 (2), struggled to win a hairline verdict over Yasuteka Yamada, 108, in eight see-saw rounds. Yahiro is the JBC's fifth-ranked junior flyweight. Yamada, a gutsy loser, is 5-3-1 (1).

Another disappointment was unbeaten rookie Yuichi Kasai, 121½, who was befuddled by the aggressiveness of Speedy Kikuchi, 122, but managed to win a unanimous decision (scores of 79-77, 79-76, and 80-76) in eight. The winner is 5-0 (3); Kikuchi 8-7-2 (4).

Takashi Nakayama, the JBC's seventh-ranked junior bantamweight, 117, floored Toshihiko Yano, 117, thrice and scored an automatic TKO at 2:05 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Rocky Promotions

Attendance: 2,500 (estimated)
(7-6-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Masahiro Sugiyama**, the JBC's seventh-ranked featherweight, 126, hit the deck from a damaging right cross of **Gold Joe**, 126, but fought back with powerful shots to the belly and won a majority decision in six. Gold Joe, 32, made a comeback after a long layoff, but his lack of stamina was evident.

Shinichi Maeda, a short but energetic puncher who is ranked 10th by the JBC, 140, battered Keiji Sakaguchi, 140, from all angles and was awarded a TKO at 1:07 of the fifth session in a scheduled six. Maeda, 7-0 (5), had won the All-Japan Novice King tourney. Sakaguchi is 5-6 (5).

Tamio Yagi, the JBC's ninth-ranked junior featherweight, 117, lost to less powerful but faster lefty

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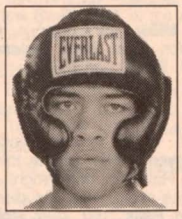

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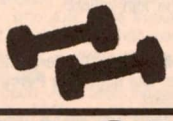

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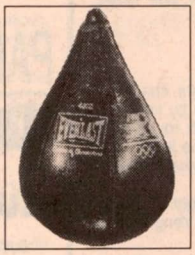

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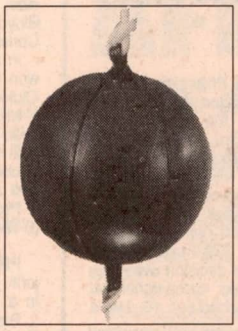

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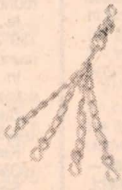

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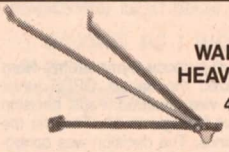

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Kazuma Saeki, 118, via unanimous decision in six. Saeki, 21, is 7-4 (1); Yagi 6-3 (3).

Ex-Japanese champion Keiichi Ozaki, 118, struggled to win a split decision over Takeshi Maeda, 118, in six. Ozaki, a prohibitive favorite, was greatly frustrated by Maeda's uppercuts. Ozaki fought back hard, but *The Ring* gave its vote to Maeda. Ozaki is 17-15-1 (2). He has gone the distance with bantamweight champions Kaokor Galaxy and Luisito Espinosa. Maeda is 5-8-2 (3).

Lefty prospect Koji Matsumoto, 126, scored a majority decision over Takanori Takakura, 126, in six. The winner, ranked third by the JBC, is 5-1 (1). Takakura, the ninth-ranked Japanese featherweight, is 4-2 (0).

Victory Kodama, the JBC's 10th-ranked junior bantamweight, 118, dropped Yukihiro Fukumoto, a lantern-jawed lefty, 118, twice in the opening round, fell himself in the next session, floored his foe in the fourth and fifth rounds, and finished the southpaw at 59 seconds of the fifth round in a scheduled six. It was a total war. Kodama is 8-1 (7); Fukumoto 5-4 (3).

Russian lighweight Nazarov (Gussie) Olzubeck, 135, took just 101 seconds to demolish Yasuyuki Noguchi, 135, in a scheduled six. Nazarov is 3-0 (3). Noguchi, a former amateur champion, is 9-8 (9).

Tsukasa Watanabe, the JBC's top contender, 126, sent Shigeto Kondo, 126, to the deck with a smashing left hook following a fast one-two, and won a unanimous decision in six. Watanabe is 11-1-1 (8); Kondo 7-4 (4).

Seoul Olympic Games gold medalist Viacheslav Ianovski, the JBC's seventh-ranked contender, 140, outsped Minoru Amano, 140, and halted him at 2:27 of the fifth session in a scheduled six. Ianovski, a bald 29-year-old Russian, proved too ringwise for the slower Amano. Ianovski is 3-0 (2); Amano 11-4 (9).

Having been knocked out by Seiji Asakawa in his quest for the Japanese featherweight title, Kengo Fukuda, the JBC's fifth-ranked featherweight, 126, didn't look sharp, but managed to win a majority decision over Lancer Nakamura, 125, in six. Fukuda, 21, is 17-3 (11); Nakamura 12-9-1 (8).

Promoter: Japan Boxing Association

Attendance: 2,450

(7-9-90)

SAPPORO, HOKKAIDO—Twenty-three-year-old bantamweight **Jun Yonesaka** passed away of a brain hemorrhage four days after his kayo defeat on June 14th. Yonesaka was knocked out by **Yasuei Yakuskiji** in the 10th and final round. His record was 8-6-1 (3).

Notes: Mexican **Ricardo Lopez**, the WBC's fifth-ranked strawweight contender, will be the next challenger to WBC champion **Hideyuki Ohashi** in Japan in October. Lopez, 25-0 (18) as a professional and 37-0 as an amateur, is 23.

Joe Koizumi

KOREA

ULSAN—Ulsan Multi-purpose Gymnasium—**Nam Hoon Cha**, 108, seized the vacant OPBF junior flyweight crown as he was awarded a split decision over Filipino titlist **Bert Refugio** in 12. They hit the deck a total of four times. The decision was controversial. Cha improved to 15-1-1 (6); Refugio 14-1-2 (11).

Kyung Yun Lee, the WBC's top-ranked strawweight, 107, defeated Filipino Cris Galon, the GAB's fourth-ranked mini flyweight, 107¼, by decision in 10.

Yung Chun Min, 120¼, scored a third-round kayo over Erning Tinoy, 119¾, in the third session of a scheduled 10. Min is 15-1 (9).

Yong Kang Chang, 147, drew with Sung Tae Chang, 146¾, in 10. Chang, the KBC's top-ranked welterweight, is 6-1-3 (3).

Promoter: Camel Promotions

(6-16-90)

SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—OPBF bantamweight champion **Eun Shik Lee**, 120¼, engaged in a non-title 10-rounder and stopped Thai lefty **Downrung Chuvatana**, 119½, at 1:55 of the eighth round. Lee, the WBC's seventh-ranked contender, is 14-2 (12). Chuvatana fell to 25-4 (13).

Yun Un Chin, the WBA's ninth-ranked flyweight, 114¼, extended his unbeaten mark to 22-0 (14), as he disposed of Thai Lingolm Sorthospol, the TBC's top contender, at 1:10 of the fourth round in a supporting 10.

Promoter: Camel Promotions

(6-17-90)

CHUNGCHONNAMDO—Sontan Bokchang School Gymnasium—Fast-rising **Tae Shik Chun**, the KBC's top-ranked featherweight, 128¼, displayed his strength in disposing of Thai **Thep Chaichumpol**, 127½, at 1:22 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Chun is 11-0 (7). The loser fell to 10-2-1 (7).

Chi Ho Nah, 120, outpointed Shin Bok Kang, 120, in eight.

Promoter: Camel Promotions

(6-30-90)

CHUNCHON—Former WBC flyweight champion **Yong Kang Kim** showed his progress by knocking out Filipino **Mario Parcon** in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Kim may move up to the junior bantamweight class if given a shot at Khaosai Galaxy's WBA crown in Thailand.

In Ho Kim won the Korean lightweight crown by stopping defending champion Chang Yong Kim in the sixth session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Camel Promotions

(7-10-90)

Joe Koizumi and Yoo Chang Kim

PHILIPPINES

CEBU—Cebu Coliseum—The Philippine headliner in June was fast-rising sensation **Ala Villamor**. The hard-punching southpaw, the WBC's 17th-ranked strawweight, battered Thai **Ded Donjadee** and disposed of him at 1:42 of the third round in a scheduled 10. He is 12-0 (11). Villamor caught up with the dancer and dropped him with solid combinations. The sensational youngster, whom people call a future world champion, will come to Japan.

Andy Tabanas, the WBC's 27th-ranked strawweight, was awarded a technical decision over Max Forrosuelo, a more experienced campaigner, at 2:40 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. He is 10-0 (6).

Ernie Alesna won by disqualification, as Ric de la Paz hit the former's groin and floored him for three minutes.

Nick Caintoy knocked out Elmer Legaspi at 2:10 of the third round.

(6-30-90)

DAVAO—**Dadoy Andujar**, the IBF's 10th-ranked bantamweight, caught ex-Thai flyweight champion **Petchainat Donjadee** and sank him for the count at 2:15 of the opening session in a scheduled 10. Andujar the GAB's second-ranked contender, exploded a right to the face that sent Donjadee to the deck. Andujar holds a decision over Luisito Espinosa, the WBA bantamweight champion.

Rodrigo Loperez registered a unanimous decision over Rey Tibayan in 10.

(6-16-90)

MANILA—Ninoy Aquino Stadium—**Pretty Boy Lucas**, the Philippine mini flyweight champion, ranked second by the WBC, bloodied the nose of ex-Japanese titlist **Yasuo Yogi**, droped him in the 10th and final round, and won a unanimous decision in 10. Lucas showed his ring experience.

Filipino junior bantamweight champion Rey Paciones, the WBA's fourth-ranked contender, survived a third-round visit to the canvas, retaliated furiously with a volley of punches, and was awarded a TKO over Tacy Macalos, ex-IBF world junior flyweight champion, at 1:20 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10. Paciones had dethroned Cobra Ari Blanca via upset 10-round decision in January.

Jun Llano won a unanimous decision over Boy Pena in 10.

Promoter: Alex Bomber Pamiloza

(6-23-90)

TALOSAY, CEBU—Talisay Sports Complex—**Peter Cuizon**, the GAB's second-ranked flyweight, 12-0, copped a unanimous decision over **Rene Cruz** in 10.

Arnold Lumando scored a TKO over Ross Cenedo, who surrendered at the end of the first round in a scheduled 10.

Featherweight Bonnie Salonoy was a TKO winner, as Rolando Naveres failed to answer the bell for the 10th and final round.

(6-24-90)

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—**Pat Bracero** produced an upset as he wrested the Filipino bantamweight title by landing a smashing one-two to stop defending champion **Loremer Pontino** at 1:32 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12. The game challenger battered the champion, cornering him with vicious combinations. It was Pontino's ninth defense.

(6-24-90)

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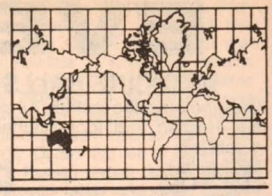

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AUSTRALIA

BANKSTOWN—In a 10-round main event, **Rick Kuli**, 171¾, clearly outpointed **Gilbert Josamu**, 162. Had Kuli fought at long range instead of inside, he would have won by kayo. The scoring: Des Bloyd 100-90, Charlie Lucas 98-92, and Trevor Christian 100-93. Referee: Billy Males.

In an exciting crowd-pleaser, Steve Betts, 140½, won an eight-round unanimous decision over Errol Oluklu, 140½.

Michael Akaway, 152¼, scored a first-round TKO over Don Demezen, 152¼.

In a six-rounder, Justin Fortune, 209½, decisioned Armin Basic, 200. Charlie Lucas refereed all the preliminaries.

Promoter: Barry Raff

(6-12-90)

PRESTON—**Ross Richmond**, 136¼, won a majority 10-round decision over **Brian Williams**, 138¾, in a good fight.

Promoter: Brizzi Brothers

(6-17-90)

MT. PRITCHARD—**Mick King**, 145½, halted **Brax Burley**, 145½, in the fourth round to win the vacant New South Wales welterweight title. Burley won all four rounds, but suffered a severe cut on his nose that referee Trevor Christian said was caused by a punch. When the ringside doctor stopped the fight due to Burley's bleeding, King was declared the winner.

Craig Drummond, 127¾, decisioned Wayne Elliott, 134½, in an action-packed eight-rounder.

Lucas Mathew, 122½, outpointed Martin Roberts, 122½, over six rounds.

Eddie Forte, 167½, fought to a four-round draw with Florencio Rodriguez, 154½.

Doug Tangye, 153¼, halted Dave Gestetner, 155½, in the fourth and final round.

Referee: Brian McMahon

Promoter: Ian Fear

(6-20-90)

FOOTSCRAY—**Darren Miller**, 135¼, won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Paul Delosa**, 138¾. The scores: 97-94, 96-94, and 97-93.

Promoter: Peter Hewitt

(7-1-90)

CARDIFF—**Craig Pevy**, 127¼, kayoed Filipino replacement **Little Bangoyan**, 124½, in the third round with a bodypunch. Referee: John Wright.

In the best fight of the night, Vito Gaudiosi, 159¼, decisioned Wayne Betts, 160, over eight rounds.

In another eight-rounder, Terry Roberts, 153¼, outpointed debuting John Cooper, 152¾.

Steve Betts, 143¾, stopped Darkie Anderson, 146½, in the second round.

Kerry Spero, 195½, decisioned Mark Moran, 190¾, over six rounds.

Sam Francis, 136½, won a four-round decision over Ken Monaghan, 142.

Promoter: Classic Promotions

(7-4-90)

NORTH ADELAIDE—Australian light heavyweight champion **Ivan Rukavina**, 174¾, added the Australasian crown to his tally with a fifth-round stoppage of defending champion **Fred Toleafoa**, 174¾, New Zealand. Referee: Tommy Ferrauto.

Chris Nicolaou, 163¼, stopped Paul Graziano, 164¼, in the fifth round.

(7-4-90)

BRISBANE—**Craig Trotter**, 169, won a 10-round decision over late substitute **Percy Israel**, 155. Alan Moore refereed.

Roy Saunders, 129, won a majority decision over Rupert Goddard, 131.

In a four-rounder, Troy Power, 140, decisioned Johnny Fooks, 147.

Phil Frost, 135, outpointed Flash Gordon, 136, over four rounds.

Gary Wills, 175, stopped Stewart Hartley, 158, in the fourth and final round. Denzil Creed refereed.

Promoter: Colonel McElwaine
(7-6-90)

BROADBEACH—Locale hope **Jimmy Thunder**, 209½, stopped former WBC light heavyweight champion **J.B. Williamson** in the 10th and final round. In the 10th, Thunder, 9-0 (9), floored Williamson, and upon the former champion's rise, continued to pummel him along the ropes until referee Denzil Creed stepped in. After nine rounds, two judges had the bout even (86-86), and the third had Thunder ahead 87-85.

In another scheduled 10, Graig Petersen, 210¾, stopped New Zealander August Tanuvasa, 219½, in the seventh round. Referee: Alan Moore.

Up-and-coming Chris Seng, 154¼, easily outpointed Stewart Hartley, 154¾.

Matthew Smith, 154½, copped a four-round nod over Barry Boland, 154½.

In another four-rounder, Tilta Halpin, 141, decisioned Ivan Bruckner, 143¼.

Promoter: Jupiter's Casino, Marty Rhone
(7-14-90)

CROYDON—Former Australian heavyweight and cruiserweight champion **Dave Russell**, 218¼, stopped former OPBF heavyweight titlist **Kevin Barry**, 238, in the third.

Ken Carter, 140, outpointed Mick King, 140, over eight rounds.

In another eight-rounder, John McAlpine, 156½, outpointed Les Davies, 155½.

Promoter: Vince Batista
(7-14-90)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLAREMONT—Australian middleweight champion **Lou Cafaro**, 166½, dominated defending Commonwealth and Australian light heavyweight champion **Rod Carr**, 168, en route to a fifth-round TKO. John Cauchi refereed.

In the 10-round main support, Richardo Monteleone drew with Barry Boland; junior middleweights.

Welterweight Shane Riley kayoed Tony Marretta in two.

Chris Seng outpointed Brad Mogridge; junior welterweights.

Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(7-27-90)

QUEENSLAND

MANSFIELD—**Ronald Doo**, 148¾, stopped **Matthew Smith**, 150, in the ninth round. Doo was well ahead at the finish.

Percy Israel, 149½, shut out Terry Roberts, 152¼, over 10 rounds.

Roy Saunders, 125¾, drew with Rupert Goddard, 125¾, over six rounds.

Tony Keller, 163¼, kayoed Ray Coon, 167½, in round two.

Paul Rees, 158¾, stopped John Porter, 158¾, in two.

Promoted by Col. McElwaine's Ringside Promotions
(7-27-90)

TOOWOOMBA—**Darrell Hiles**, 138½, halted **Troy Power**, 140, in the fifth round to win the Queensland junior welterweight title. Referee: Alan Moore.

Over four rounds, Glen Ward, 134½, outpointed Roy Saunders, 132¼.

Promoted by Neil Kelly.
(7-21-90)

NEW SOUTH WALES

ENMORE—In what must be the worst fight we've ever seen, **Apollo Sweet**, 188¾, easily retained the Australian, Australasian, and OPBF cruiserweight crowns with a 12-round points decision over **Jack Johnson**, 189¾, who just went through the motions. Johnson, United States, has been living in Australia for well over a year, so he qualified to contest a national title.

In the main support, Australian flyweight champion Peter Mitrevski, 111¾, appeared lucky to receive a draw against Filipino Manny Melchor, 110½. Mitrevski was uncharacteristically tentative as Melchor landed more punches.

Justin Fortune, 211¾, floored Steve Unterholzer, 207¼, three times in the first round for a TKO win. Referee: Charlie Lucas.

Eddie Forti, 163¼, stopped Florencio Rodriguez, 150½, 32 seconds into the bout. Forti decked Rodriguez, and the referee eventually rescued the loser.

Promoted by Barry Raff and Steve Ghosn
(7-31-90)

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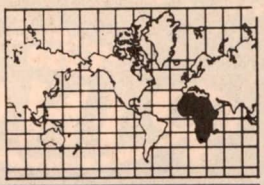

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

FICKSBURG—Mapenyalira Hall—Lightweight **David Molupe** stopped **Aaron Mgibe** at 1:26 of the first round.

Richard Blom outpointed Kennerh Mthembu in an exciting six-rounder; welterweights.

Promoter: Issac Khuto
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(5-6-90)

EAST LONDON—Orient Theatre—South African featherweight champion **Jackie Gunguluza** was impressive as he destroyed **Thembile Lubisi** in the first to retain the title. In their previous encounter, Gunguluza was taken the full 10 rounds by Lubisi.

Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(5-21-90)

DURBAN—First National Bank Arena—In a rather dull 10-rounder, featherweight **November Ntshingila** unanimously outpointed Mexican **Freddie Hernandez**.

Heavyweight Corrie Sanders scored a first-round kayo over Mexican Jorge Jacinto.

Promoter: Rodney Berman
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(5-23-90)

EAST LONDON—Orient Theatre—**Luvuyo Kakaza**, The Cape lightweight champion, won a uannimous 10-round points decision over Orange Free State champion **Johanes Hoshella** in an action-packed bout.

Lucky Nkotsha won a six-round decision over Raymond Molifi; bantamweights.

Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(5-27-90)

ELDORADO PARK—Don Mateman Hall—South African bantamweight champion **Lybo Nkoko**, 12-0-1, won a close 10-round decision over Mexican import **Roberto Herrea**, 20-5.

Promoter: Reggie Hillamn, Future Promotions
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(5-28-90)

FICKSBURG—Mapenyalira Hall—In an eliminator for the Orange Free State bantamweight title, **Paulus Marthodi** won an action-packed eight-round decision over **Samuel Mofokeng**.

Promoter: Caledonian Boxing Promotions
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(6-3-90)

DURBAN—Red Cross Hall—**Johan Gumede** won the vacant Natal middleweight title with a dull 10-round decision over **Christopher Thusi**.

Danny Myburgh and Justice Mthembu battled to a six-round draw; welterweights.

Promoter: Wayne Wesley-Smith
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(6-4-90)

SUN CITY—BOPHUTHATSWANA—Sun City Super Bowl—South African heavyweight champion **Pierre Coetzer** rejuvenated his career with an impressive ninth-round TKO over American **Phil Brown**. The 28-year-old South African punished Brown in every round before referee Clement Martin stepped in to stop the one-way affair at 1:30 of the ninth round.

Heavyweight Johnny DuPlooy was rather lethargic in outpointing pudgy former IBF cruiserweight champion Leroy Murphy, United States, over 10 dull rounds.

Promoter: Sun Internation, Russell MacMillan
Attendance: 5,500
(6-9-90)

PORT ELIZABETH—Centenary Great Hall—Transvaal junior featherweight **Lungu Dundu** lost a disputed eight-round decision to **Mzwandile Somtunzi**, The Cape. Even local Somtunzi supporters booed the decision.

Exciting Cape bantamweight Derrick Whiteboy stopped Tembinkosi Feni in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Enoch Mcophela
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(6-9-90)

THABONG—Philip Smit Centre—Junior featherweight **Alfred Mngomezuly** scored a convincing 10-round decision over **Ephraim Lepota**.

Transvaal lightweight champion Hope Guliwe lost an eight-round decision to Orange Free State champion Cassius Mabuya.

Promoter: Frederick Mabuya
Attendance: 150
(6-17-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Portuguese Hall—**Frederick Siswana** won the Transvaal welterweight title with a close, action-packed 10-round decision over defending champion **Chris Peters**.

Promoter: Richard Smith
Attendance: 1,100 (estimated)
(6-22-90)

PORT ELIZABETH—Great Centenary Hall—Young, aggressive **Zolani Makubalo** completely outclassed **Velile Klass** en route to an eight-round unanimous decision; junior featherweights.

Luntu Gidana stopped Xolani Buni in the third round of a scheduled eight-round featherweight battle.

Promoter: Toast Mali
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(6-24-90)

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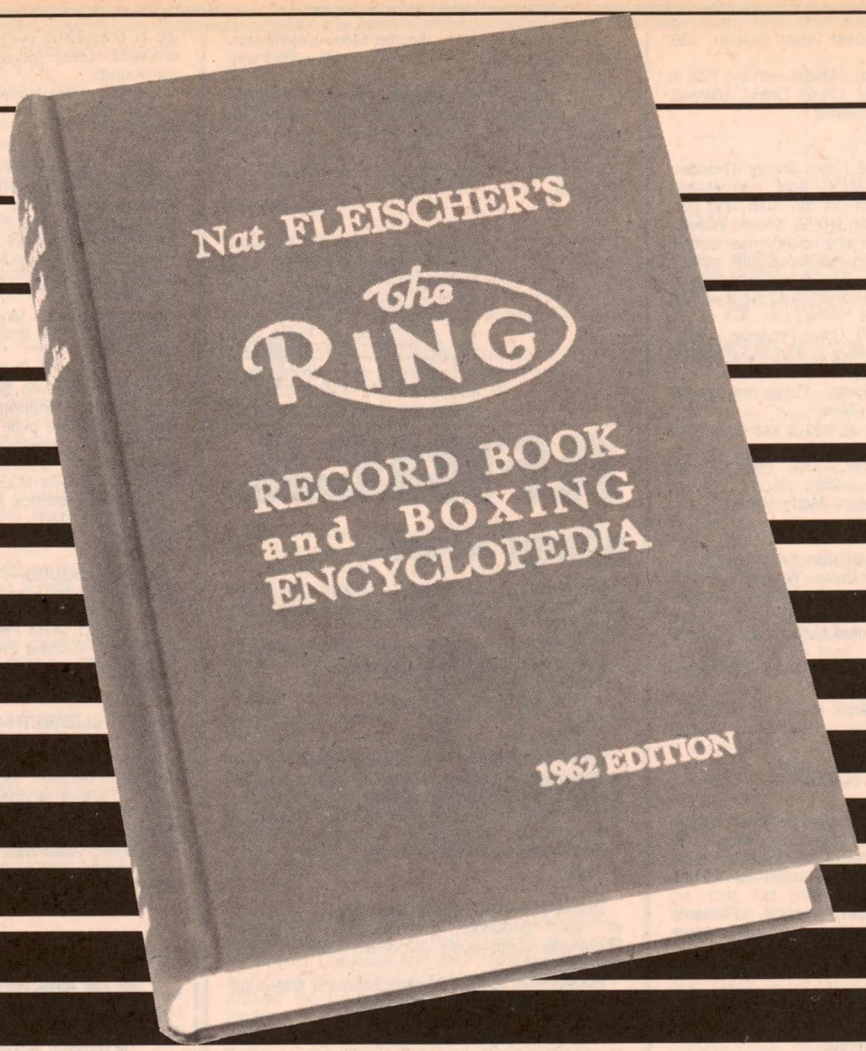

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JOE GRIM

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other fight or two.

In his final years, Joe and his wife operated a tiny milk store in Philadelphia, and the one-time Iron Man of the ring hawked booklets with copies of his old press clippings for a quarter apiece outside fight arenas. The money that he earned refusing to be knocked out hadn't stretched very far, and in fact didn't amount to much to begin with. For many of his main events, Joe Grim was paid less than $10.

He died on August 19, 1939, at the age of 58. Joe had largely been forgotten, but one of the few left from the old days who wouldn't have been surprised to see him get up smiling from the grave was Grim's trainer, Harry Lenny. He had been as awed as anyone by Joe's ability to withstand a beating, and to the day of his own death, Lenny would sneer at later iron men of boxing, such as Jake LaMotta, as mere "china dolls" compared to the original.

Lenny had seen the great ones leave the ring discouraged by their inability to kayo Joe, and he was even more amused by the learned doctors of medicine, who were almost as rough on Grim in their investigations of his imperviousness to pain. One quack had even announced that Joe was able to tolerate blows to the body from heavyweights, ax handles, and sledgehammers because he lacked a solar plexus.

Harry was no college man, but he always figured that the answer was a little closer to the surface than that—in Joe's skin, to be exact.

"I don't think any person who ever lived had skin like he did," Lenny recalled. "Every time I gave him a rubdown, my hands were covered with oil. Like olive oil. But I never put anything on my hands when I started rubbing him. The harder I rubbed his body, the more oil was released. I never could understand it, but I always believed that something in his skin had something to do with the way he absorbed punishment."

But to the fighters frustrated by him, the answer boiled down to the simple fact that Joe Grim was just a pure freak, except in the case of Young Mahoney, to whom he was just pure freaking Italian. ■

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LeRoy Neiman
(Artist)

By Robert Cassidy

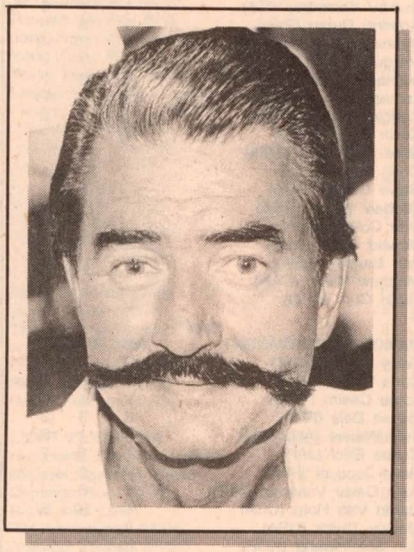
When LeRoy Neiman was growing up in St. Paul, Minnesota, Little League was not the object of his desire. In his neighborhood, boxing was the sport of preference. The local Catholic parish introduced Neiman to boxing in the church basement, and the images that formed his childhood still serve as a backdrop for many of his boxing paintings. Although each piece of art, each stroke, is unique, Neiman's youthful obsession with the sport is what the artist often draws upon when he paints boxing.

"I always remember where I came from," Neiman said. "I got to know what the ingredients were of a guy who was willing to fight."

He got to know firsthand by brawling in both the church basement and the streets. Neiman eventually decided to express himself with a paint brush rather than his fists. In St. Paul, however, the boxing symbols were everywhere. He was surrounded by local heroes such as middleweight champions Mike O'Dowd and Jock Malone, and the Gibbons brothers—Mike and Tommy. Tommy Gibbons went 15 rounds with Jack Dempsey in 1923.

Neiman's first boxing subject was hard-hitting light heavyweight Bob Satterfield, a classmate at the Art Institute of Chicago. Though Neiman was always an artist first and a fight fan second, the two seemed to mesh during his years in Chicago. One of his first sketches of Sugar Ray Robinson was drawn while the legendary middleweight champion was jumping rope at the CYO gym in downtown Chicago. Neiman still has the drawing.

"When he skipped rope, he had this guy who would whistle 'Sweet Georgia Brown,' " Neiman recalled. "All you could hear in the whole gym was the tapping of the rope and this guy whistling 'Sweet Georgia Brown.' It was very romantic stuff."



Neiman's boxing romance flourished with Muhammad Ali. The first time he drew the fighter, Ali (then Cassius Clay) was preparing to face Billy Daniels in New York in 1962. Neiman did a five-minute drawing and showed it to Ali in his dressing room. The fighter liked it so much he decided to draw his own picture.

"He drew a face, an airplane, a limousine, and on the bottom he wrote, 'Cassius Clay, the next heavyweight champion of the world,' " Neiman recalled. "Then when it came time to fight, he said, 'Wait a minute, I have to finish this drawing.' "

Neiman would go on to draw fight posters for Ali-Frazier I, Ali-Foreman, Ali-Frazier III, and Ali-Spinks II. He traveled with the champion to London, Zaire, and the Philippines.

But as Ali faded from boxing, the heavyweight division faded along with him. It wasn't until Mike Tyson burst onto the scene that the division came alive again. Tyson fought with the unrestricted vibrancy of a Neiman painting. They were a perfect match.

"With Tyson, it's the whole performance," Neiman said. "It's really good theater the way he walks in there. It's something. I did him one night descending the steps after a knockout. He was so . . . not delighted, but fulfilled."

An artist sees things that most observers do not. Neiman sees fights in abstract angles and talks about them with a flowing, colorful flair that reflects his artwork. Perhaps more than his style, it is his ability to draw such images at ringside that sets him apart from his colleagues.

"There's something about the noise of a crowd," he said. "That energy passes through you and comes out in a drawing. It's a real test to draw a fight. Because if you're a fight fan, you have a predetermined condition about it."

While Neiman paints a variety of subjects—women and baseball are among his favorites—it's fighters who inspire him most.

"There's something to admire about boxers," he said. "They're all very special people. Their faces have been molded by punches. When you get to a fighter, you have to get to that part that makes him different. That shows something special, something unique. You watch him from the time he goes down the aisle. And you have a lot of information by the time the bell rings."

And like the fighter, when the bell rings, Neiman goes to work. ■

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RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James Douglas (USA)	C	C	C
Evander Holyfield (USA)	1	1	1
Mike Tyson (USA)	2	2	2
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	3	3	3
George Foreman (USA)	4	6	10
Gary Mason (GB)	5	5	-
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	6	8	11
Alex Stewart (JAM)	7	4	5
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	8	9	9
Mark Wills (USA)	9	-	-
Michael Dokes (USA)	10	-	6
Carl Williams (USA)	19	7	4
James Smith (USA)	11	10	-
Ray Mercer (USA)	12	12	7
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	-	8

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	C	5	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	1	2	1
Nate Miller (USA)	2	3	2
Derek Angol (GB)	3	4	-
Johnny Nelson (GB)	4	-	-
Taoufik Belbouli (FRA)	5	1	-
Olian Alexander (USA)	6	-	-
Jose Flores Burlon (URU)	7	7	-
Craig Peterson (AUSTRL)	8	-	-
James Warring (USA)	9	8	11
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	10	-	-
Robert Daniels (USA)	-	C	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
Mike Hunter (USA)	-	6	7
Glenn McCrory (GB)	18	9	10
Siza Makhatini (SA)	-	-	5
Richard Mason (USA)	11	10	3
James Pritchard (USA)	-	-	4
Iby Zimmerman (CAU)	-	-	6
Bash Ali (USA)	-	12	8
Jean Chanet (FRA)	-	-	9

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	6	-
Dennis Andries (GB)	1	-	11
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	2	1	1
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	3	2	9
Bobby Czyz (USA)	4	9	3
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	5	8	8
Tom Collins (GB)	6	10	-
Yawe Davis (UGA)	7	-	-
David Vedder (USA)	8	4	12
Sergio Merani (ARG)	9	-	-
Andrew Maynard (USA)	10	11	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Peak (USA)	-	3	-
Booker Word (USA)	11	5	4
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	22	7	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
James Kinchen (USA)	12	-	2
Freddie Delgado (PR)	23	-	5
Greg Everett (USA)	30	-	6
Frank Tate (USA)	13	-	7
Frankie Swindell (USA)	-	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ray Leonard (USA)	C	-	-
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	1	4	-
Tony Byrd (USA)	2	2	2
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	3	8	10
Ron Essett (USA)	4	6	5
Dan Schommer (USA)	5	-	-
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	6	5	9
Don Lee (USA)	7	10	-
Dan Morgan (USA)	8	7	-
Paul Whittaker (USA)	9	9	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	10	1	6
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	11	3	3
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	-	1
John Jarvis (USA)	-	-	4
Tony Thornton (USA)	15	-	7
Adam Garland (USA)	-	-	8

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Lindell Holmes (USA)	1	-	-
Julian Jackson (USA)	2	-	-
Herol Graham (GB)	3	2	3
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	4	1	6
Roberto Duran (PAN)	5	5	-
Dennis Milton (USA)	6	10	10
Merqui Sosa (USA)	7	7	-
Michael Watson (GB)	8	6	7
James Toney (USA)	9	-	-11
Reggie Johnson (USA)	10	4	2
Kevin Watts (USA)	12	8	-
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Chris Eubank (GB)	-	3	-
Steve Collins (USA)	13	9	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Ron Collins (USA)	14	12	8
Donald Curry (USA)	15	-	1
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	11	4
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	-	-	5
Hugo Corti (ARG)	17	-	9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	1	5	8
Jorge Castro (ARG)	2	4	11
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	3	3	2
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	4	-	6
Carlos Elliot (JAP)	5	1	7
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	6	9	-
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	7	6	-
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	8	10	5
Quincy Taylor (USA)	9	-	-
Jun Suk Hwang (KOR)	10	2	-
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Gregory Clark (SA)	-	7	-
Horacio Perez (COL)	18	8	-
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	13	-	1
Arthur Serwano (USA)	11	-	3
Roy Jones (USA)	-	-	4
Miguel Arroyo (ARG)	15	-	9
Brett Lally (USA)	12	-	10

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marlon Starling (USA)	C	-	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	1	5	12
Buddy McGirt (USA)	2	2	1
Glenwood Brown (USA)	3	4	2
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	4	3	3
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	5	-	-
Mark Breland (USA)	6	6	6
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	7	11	9
Jose Bermudez (COL)	8	10	-
Genaro Leon (MEX)	9	-	11
Kirkland Laing (ENG)	10	9	8
Aaron Davis (USA)	-	C	-
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Luis Garcia (VEN)	-	1	5
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	7	-
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	15	8	-
Tyrone Trice (USA)	11	-	4
Darryl Lattimore (USA)	-	-	7
Antoine Fernandez (FRA)	13	-	10

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Kyung Duk Ahn (KOR)	1	4	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	2	-	1
Angel Hernandez (PR)	3	3	-
Roger Mayweather (USA)	4	5	6
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	5	-	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	6	1	3
Sammy Fuentes (PR)	7	-	-
Efren Calamati (ITA)	8	8	-
John Duplessis (USA)	9	-	-
Harold Brazier (USA)	10	-	7
Terrence Alli (GUY)	12	-	9
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	-	C	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	-	2	-
Edwin Rosario (PR)	17	6	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	11	7	4
Mun Sil Chi (KOR)	14	9	-
John Meekins (USA)	15	10	11
Louie Lomeli (USA)	18	-	2
Charles Murray (USA)	26	-	5
Rodney Moore (USA)	19	12	8
Pat Barrett (ENG)	13	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	-	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	1	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	3	4	1
Primo Ramos (MEX)	4	2	4
Darryll Tyson (USA)	5	5	5
Anthony Jones (USA)	6	8	-
Greg Haugen (USA)	7	-	6
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	8	-	2
Fabian Tejeda (ARG)	9	9	8
David Gonzales (USA)	10	-	-
Juan Nazario (PR)	-	C	-
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	11	6	9
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	16	7	-
William Rojas (VEN)	-	10	-
Eduardo Molina (COL)	28	-	7
John Duplessis (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	1	-	-
Juan LaPorte (PR)	2	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	3	2	-
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	4	5	8
Bernard Taylor (USA)	5	11	6
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	6	-	-
Jim McDonnell (GB)	7	12	11
John-John Molina (USA)	8	-	1
Pedro Gutierrez (ARG)	9	-	-
Hengky Gun (INDO)	10	7	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	-	1	-
Renaldo Carter (USA)	-	4	12
Joey Gamache (USA)	12	3	7
Jackie Beard (USA)	-	6	-
Wilson Palacios (COL)	-	8	-
Daniel Londas (FRA)	-	9	-
Joey Jacobs (USA)	-	10	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	-	C
Jorge Ramirez (MEX)	25	-	2
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	-	-	3
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	11	-	4
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	-	-	5
Calvin Grove (USA)	23	-	9
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	C	-	-
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	1	4	10
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	2	2	3
Javier Marquez (MEX)	3	-	-
Louie Espinoza (USA)	4	-	7
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	5	3	-
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	6	5	5
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	7	-	-
Wilson Palacios (COL)	8	-	-
Seiji Asakawa (JAP)	9	8	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	10	1	-
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C
Alfred Rangel (USA)	12	6	4
Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	7	-
Tracy Patterson (USA)	-	9	-

WBC as of July
WBA as of July
IBF as of August

Jose Sanabria (VEN)	24	10	-
Myron Taylor (USA)	16	-	1
Troy Dorsey (USA)	14	-	2
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	17	-	6
Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	-	8
Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Paul Banke (USA)	C	-	-
Seung Hoon Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pedro Decima (ARG)	2	7	5
Tracy Patterson (USA)	3	-	4
Jesse Benavides (USA)	4	3	2
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	5	-	-
Chan Young Park (KOR)	6	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	7	-	-
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	8	-	-
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	9	5	-
Ki Jun Lee (KOR)	10	8	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	16	1	-
Ruben Palacios (COL)	15	2	-
Carlos Uribe (CHILE)	13	4	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	-	6	-
Arcelio Diaz (COL)	11	9	7
Freddy Cruz (DR)	-	10	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Baby Rojas (USA)	19	-	1
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	-	-	3
Gerardo Lopez (PAN)	-	-	6
Joe Orewa (USA)	17	11	8
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	9
Nurhuda (INDO)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	1	1	2
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	2	-	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	3	-	-
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	4	3	6
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	5	4	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	6	9	5
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	7	6	-
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	8	-	-
Bernardo Mendoza (CHILE)	9	-	-
Cardenio Ulloa (CHILE)	10	-	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHI)	-	C	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Kaokor Galaxy (THAI)	-	2	-
Eliecher Julio (COL)	-	5	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	12	7	-
Cesar Salas (VEN)	-	8	-
Paul Gonzalez (USA)	-	10	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	11	-	1
Duke McKenzie (GB)	14	-	3
Eddie Rangel (USA)	29	-	4
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	18	12	7
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	30	-	8
Ray Minus (BAH)	19	-	9
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	21	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	2	1	-
Kid Akeem (NIG)	3	6	10
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	4	-	-
Rey Paciones (PHI)	5	5	2
David Griman (VEN)	6	2	-
Santos Laciar (ARG)	7	-	-
Shunichi Nakajima (JAP)	8	8	11
Javier Lucas (MEX)	9	-	-
Johnny Tapia (USA)	10	12	6
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	14	3	-
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	16	4	-
Young Kang Kim (KOR)	-	7	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	17	9	-
William Ramos (PR)	-	10	-
Carlos Mercado (COL)	11	11	1
Juan Polo (COL)	15	-	3
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	4
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	5
Vuyani Nene (SA)	-	-	7
Peter Mitrevski (AUSTRL)	-	-	8
Sombat Uasampan (THAI)	-	-	9

FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	1	-	2
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	2	-	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	3	-	-
Romy Navarette (PHIL)	4	7	10
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	5	C	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	6	-	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	7	6	-
Jae Suk Park (KOR)	8	8	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	9	2	-
Dodi Penalosa (PHI)	10	9	3
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	1	-
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	14	3	1
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	-	4	-
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	-	5	-
Carlos Salazar (USA)	11	10	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Javier Lucas (MEX)	-	-	4
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	5
Joe Kelly (GB)	-	-	6
Ole Kietoneway (THAI)	-	-	7
Ricky Romero (USA)	-	-	8
Pedro Feliciano (USA)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	1	-	C
Domingo Sosa (DR)	2	-	5
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	3	2	2
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	4	-	-
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	5	12	-
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	6	5	-
Leon Salazar (PAN)	7	4	4
Jeung Keun Lim (KOR)	8	8	8
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	9	-	10
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	10	-	-
Yuh Myung Woo (KOR)	-	C	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	11	1	6
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	3	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	6	3
Hector Patri (ARG)	-	7	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	-	9	-
Luis Paredes (CHILE)	-	10	-
Ysaias Zamudio (USA)	-	-	1
Raul Rios (MEX)	22	-	7
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	-	-	9

STRAWWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	C	-	-
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	2	2	1
Hector Patri (ARG)	3	-	6
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	4	9	2
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	5	3	8
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	6	1	-
Jeum Hwan Choi (KOR)	7	-	-
Napa Kiatwanchai (THAI)	8	-	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	9	6	-
Chairith Kongudom (THAI)	10	-	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	28	5	-
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	-	7	-
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	-	8	-
Jung Il Koh (KOR)	20	10	-
Far Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Eric Chavez (PHIL)	18	-	3
Francisco Montiel (MEX)	-	-	4
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	5
Rocky Lim (JAP)	24	-	7
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Joe Constantino (PHI)	-	-	10

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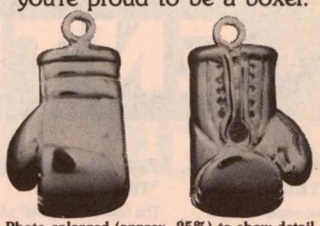

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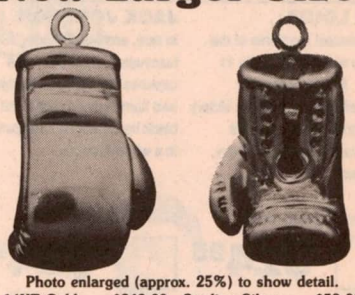

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Benny Leonard's Passing Recalls His Great Deeds In The Ring—Rated Tops With Joe Gans As King Of All Lightweights

From The Ring, July 1947

By Ted Carroll

Benny Leonard is gone.

With his passing, the ring loses not only one of its greatest champions, but a personality who left an imprint upon all who came in contact with him. He was the greatest boxer of his time, an era distinguished by men like Dempsey, Greb, Tunney, and Kilbane. As he performed it, boxing was indeed a science, filled with finesse, fast thinking, fleeting, graceful action, and sharp, destructive fist work.

Leonard was one of few fighters who could practically name the punch and the time that he had chosen to end a bout. He fought in an age of outstanding lightweights, but he towered above them all like Mt. Vesuvius over a peasant's hut.

Benny was never anything but a professional fighter from the start. His brother Charlie was a great amateur lightweight. He was the National Champion, but Benny passed up the simon pures. He spent his boyhood in New York's East Side, and was the greatest of a remarkable line of Hebrew warriors who came out of the ghetto, a list that includes Joe Bernstein, Barney Ross, Sid Terris, Ruby Goldstein, Leach Cross, Benny Valgar, Willie and Charley Beecher, Augie Ratner, and Willie Jackson.

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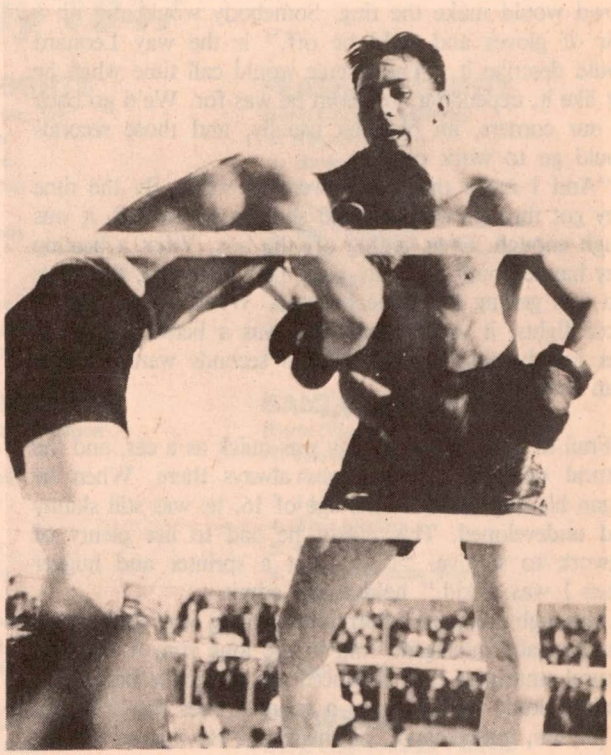
Talkative and obliging, Benny, an ace storyteller, would go on for hours telling tales of the old days on the East Side. Every block had its champion, committed to the task of tackling invading champions, of whom there was no lack. Kingpin of the kids on his street, life for Benny in those days was to be a continual round of battling neighborhood rivals from nearby blocks. Benny always claimed that the worst lickings he ever took in his life came in these kid scuffles not from his opponents, but from his seconds!



Leonard issued a terrible beating to Rocky Kansas during their non-title fight in June 1921. Eight months later, they fought for Leonard's lightweight title, and the champion won by 15-round decision.

Leonard hurt his right hand during an August 1924 decision win over Pal Moran. Family physician Dr. Sol Rottenberg attends to the injury.

"We'd go off into a lot or back into a yard. The crowd would make the ring. Somebody would dig up a pair of gloves and we'd be off," is the way Leonard would describe it. "The referee would call time when he felt like it, depending on whom he was for. We'd go back to our corners, an old box usually, and those seconds would go to work on us.

"And I mean they really went to work. By the time they got through slapping and shoving us around, it was tough enough. Even getting off the box. What a beating they handed out! The only good part of it was, the other kid was getting the same business. When I won one of those fights, it wasn't because I was a better fighter. It was just because the other kid's seconds were stronger than mine!"

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Frail as a youngster, Benny was quick as a cat, and the natural talent for boxing was always there. When he began his ring career at the age of 16, he was still skinny and undeveloped. This meant he had to use plenty of legwork to survive. "I was just a sprinter and hugger when I was a kid," he'd freely admit.

Although Leonard's formal schooling was limited, he was basically intelligent, and in the long run, it was this natural smartness that produced the invincible boxer. He made a study of boxing as a scientist does the problems of physics, mathematics, or chemistry. He figured out the answer to every style no matter how unorthodox.

He mastered the difficult in and out boxing footwork as no boxer ever has, combining baffling feinting with it that left the cleverest boxers bewildered and confused. Not overly strong physically, he delivered his punches with perfection and speed. He was one of the hardest hitters that ever lived, for his weight.

Leaving the East Side, Leonard gained his greatest fame while living in New York's Harlem section. He soon became the hero of the district. The night he won the world's championship from Freddie Welsh, his frenzied followers paraded all the way down Lenox Avenue from the Polo Grounds, to 116th Street, where an all-night celebration began that is still remembered.

As champion, Leonard always asserted that his well-wishers gave him more trouble than his opponents. "More guys have lost titles because they were partied to death than for any other reason," he often said.

"The bad part of it is that if you don't take them in, your friends start complaining that you are now a swell head and don't want to have anything to do with them anymore. Right after I won the title, I fought 15 times in six months all over the map. Everywhere I went, somebody wanted to throw a party for the champ. A lot of them I couldn't get out of, but I used to worry a whole lot more about those parties than I did about the guy I was fighting."

Like most great fighters, Leonard considered his early fights, many of them against men who are just lines in the record book, his toughest. "I'll bet you never heard of Willie Jones," remarked Benny one day, "but what a tough guy he was. A fellow named Kid Black almost made me quit fighting when I was just starting out, and Frankie Callahan showed me plenty in that ring I never knew till then."

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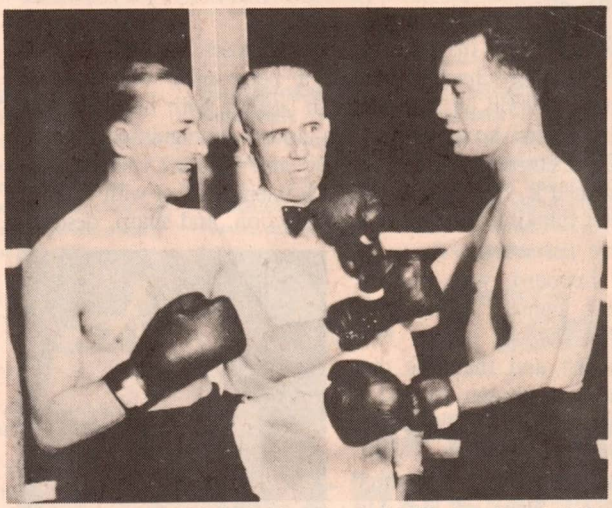
Both as champion and in his later years, Benny Leonard probably made more appearances at affairs of one kind or another than any boxer. He gave freely of his time and efforts to all without regard for race, nationality, or color. You'd be just as apt to find him at Father

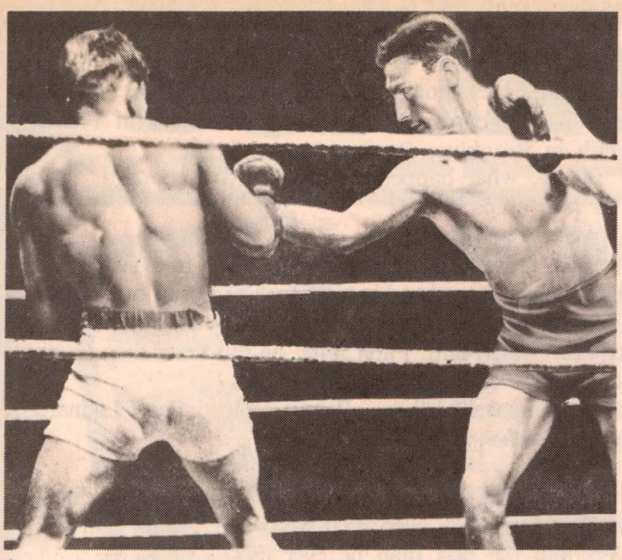


In June 1922, Leonard (left) tried for aging Jack Britton's welterweight title. He was disqualified for hitting the champion while he was down.

Brady's Camp Benefit as at the Italian Benevolent Association, the Pullman Porters Boxing Smoker, or the Hebrew Orphanage Rally.

He drew no lines, made no distinctions, treated everyone alike, and for a man of his unusual ability, he was the most congenial and easily met athletic figure of his time.

It was the same in the ring. He was the only champion of that era who disregarded the color line. Mixed bouts are all the rage today, but for almost a generation they were in disfavor, and most of the champions found this a convenient loophole to avoid Negro challengers. Not so Benny Leonard. He took on the only two Negro lightweights of the period of any consequence, Leo Johnson and Eddie Dorsey, and knocked them both out in a week,



Among Leonard's most notable foes was Philadelphia southpaw Lew Tendler, whom the lightweight champ beat on points in 1922 and in 1923.

in one and two rounds, respectively, right after winning the title.

Because of this, he was a great public idol. Although of the Jewish faith, his appeal was universal. Rich and poor, old and young, his tremendous following was drawn from every segment and strata of society. Due to space limitations, no doubt, most of the commentary on him following his passing was pitifully inadequate, failing completely to give a true picture of the amazing hold he had upon the public in his heyday, or of the position he occupied in the contemporary life of the time.

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He made thousands of dollars in the ring, but his financial judgment was by no means on par with his abilities as a pugilist. Although he could have been independently wealthy, his investments were consistently unsuccessful. This led to his ill-starred comeback of 1931, when his efforts as a portly, balding, weary man approaching middle age brought forth pity and sympathy from those who recalled the super-boxer of the Golden Twenties.

Benny took great pride in his service in both World Wars. Although nearing the half-century mark, he was among the first of the well-known athletic figures to get into uniform and stayed there until hostilities ceased, as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Maritime Service.

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Talkative and friendly, many of Benny's tales concerned the reaction of his folks to his ring career when he was starting out. His mother resigned herself to it, as did Papa Leiner—his real name—with one exception that he

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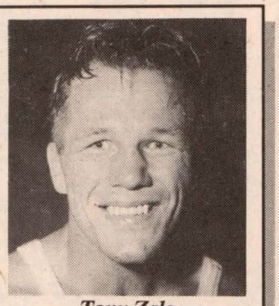

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3. Lee Q. Murray
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LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champ: Gus Lesnevich
1. Ezzard Charles
2. Freddie Mills
3. Tommy Yarosz
4. Archie Moore
5. Billy Fox
6. Dave Sands
7. Billy Smith
8. Booker Beckwith
9. Dolph Quijano
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World Champ: Tony Zale
1. Jake LaMotta
2. Marcel Cerdan
3. Georgie Abrams
4. Bert Lytell
5. Rocky Graziano
6. Steve Belloise
7. Sam Baroudi
8. Chuck Hunter
9. Herbie Kronowitz
10. Charley Burley

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champ: Ray Robinson
1. Tommy Bell
2. Charley Fusari
3. Tippy Larkin
4. Tony Janiro
5. Jimmy Doyle
6. Johnny Greco
7. Tony Pellone
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FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champ: Willie Pep
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2. Sandy Saddler
3. Jock Leslie
4. Charlie Riley
5. Phil Terranova
6. Carlos Chavez
7. Al Phillips
8. Cliff Anderson
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10. Eddie Miller

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champ: Manuel Ortiz
1. Harold Dade
2. Peter Kane
3. Luis Castillo
4. Theo Medina
5. Luis Galvani
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8. Henry Davis
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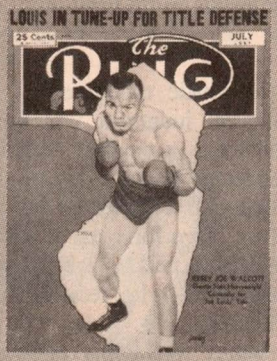
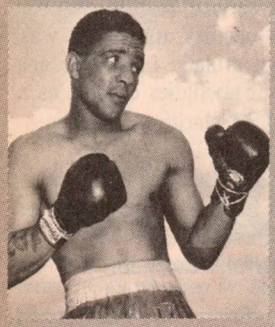
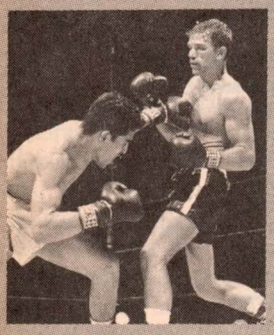


The Cover: Stanley Weston's illustration of top-rated heavyweight contender Jersey Joe Walcott underlines the fact that longtime champion Joe Louis' reign is nearing an end. Louis would defend against Walcott in December and keep the crown via disputed 15-round decision. Six months later, the rematch would be Louis' last defense before his retirement.

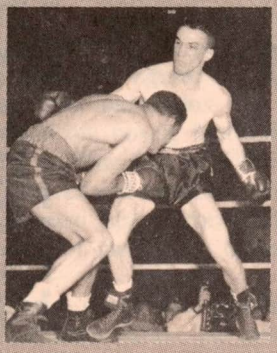


A Future Champion: Only 19, unbeaten British middleweight Randolph Turpin has caught the eye of the fight scribes. The *London Evening Standard's* George Whiting calls Turpin "our boxing hope of the future." It would be four more years before Turpin would shock the world by dethroning reigning 160-pound king Sugar Ray Robinson.

Quirks Of Fate: Irving Rudd examines why several successful boxers first climbed through the ropes. He concludes that more often than not, accidents and mere chance were responsible. Lee Oma (pictured) learned to box in prison. Gus Lesnevich picked up a pair of gloves to avenge the beating of a friend, who had been badly fouled in a bout. Tippy Larkin had to learn to box to back up his boasting.



They Look—And Fight—Alike: The pride of St. Paul, Minnesota, featherweight brothers Glen and Del Flanagan are profiled by Frank Diamond. Older brother Glen is 10-0-1. Del, pictured in a 1953 bout vs. Lulu Perez, is 2-0. Both fighters were extremely successful as amateurs.



Fighter Of The Month: Featherweight Miguel Acevedo, pictured belly-butting Jackie Graves, whom he defeated by upset second-round kayo, receives the honors. Acevedo jumps to number one in the featherweight rankings. As it would turn out, he would never receive the opportunity to challenge for the title.

was never quite able to grasp: the part a manager played. It was never quite clear to Leonard—or Leiner Sr.—just where Billy Gibson, Benny's mentor at the time, fit in, and Benny's explanation of the manager's role still left Papa hazy. Following his second meeting with Freddie Welsh in Brooklyn, Benny returned home.

"Benny, what happened?" asked Mr. Leonard.

"I lost, Papa."

"Why?" persisted Papa.

"Well, Papa, I'll tell you. This Welsh is a very clever fellow. When I tried to hit him, first he ran in one corner. When I tried to hit him again, he ran in the other corner. I couldn't catch him, Papa. First he ran here, then he ran there, I just couldn't catch him."

"Hmmm, well, tell me, Benny," piped Papa Leonard, "tell me, *where* was Mr. Gibson?"

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Another significant phase of Leonard's career lies in the fact that practically every man who ever fought him considers him the best man he ever met.

Unlike many other outstanding men, Benny refused to live in the past and always refrained from criticism of present-day scrappers. He diplomatically had a word of praise for most of them.

He had a high regard for McLarnin, among modern boxers, and considered Johnny Kilbane as good a man as he ever met.

This photo was taken during World War II. Leonard is on the left. Next to him is Mickey Walker. Second from the right is Barney Ross, and to Ross' right is Tony Canzoneri. The other two gentlemen are unidentified.

"Kilbane was just careful enough to make him very dangerous," Benny often said. "It doesn't do for a fighter to be too game and reckless. Those kind make mistakes. Kilbane wasn't like that and that's what made him a great fighter."

Leonard considered Jack Delaney, former light heavy king, as fine a combination boxer-puncher as ever lived. "He really understood the art of self-defense, and he could end a fight with a punch," explained Benny.

Some good men have held the title since Leonard—Canzoneri, Mandell, Armstrong, Ambers—but none have approached him for all-around skill and punching power. As time goes by, the choice of greatest lightweight champion of all time still seems to lie between Leonard and Joe Gans. Gans was undoubtedly a great man, but it is hard for those who saw him at his peak to imagine anyone superior to the incomparable Benny Leonard, a champion to remember. ■

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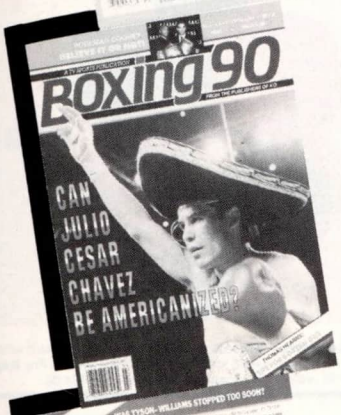

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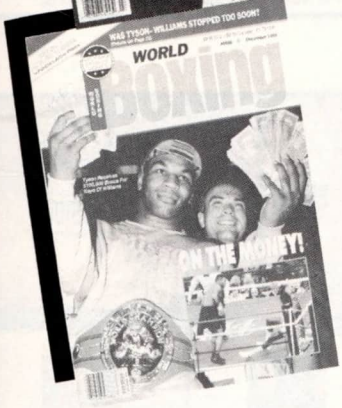

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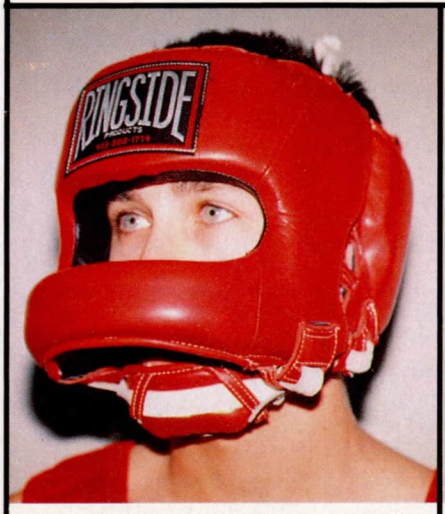

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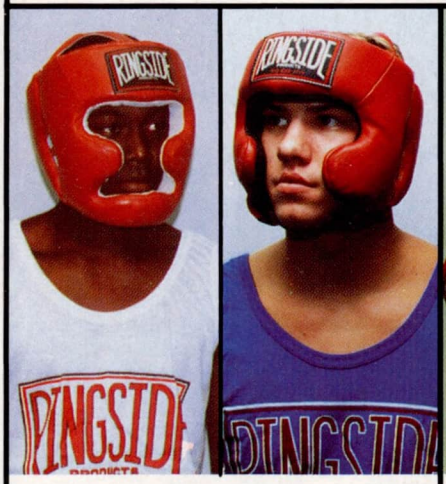

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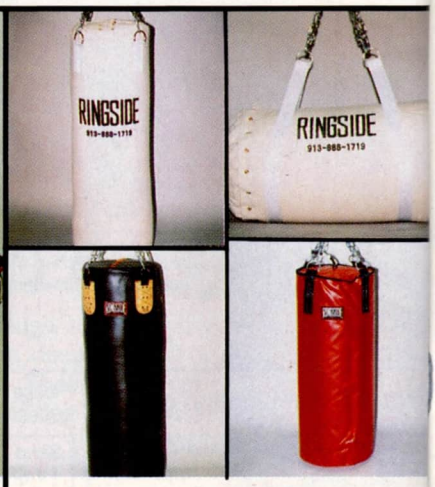

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